



Who Is the Unknown Death Driver?

This posed photograph points up the relentless search by Oak Bay and district police for the driver of a car which struck down and killed two-year-old Brigid Hoban on Christmas Eve.

As the inquest was set to open this afternoon police were still checking in new clues that might lead to the identity of the death car driver. (Times Photo.)

WOMAN IN GREY FOUND

Brigid Hoban's Older Sister Saw Christmas Eve Death Car

DINNA FASH YERSEL'; IT'LL CURE A COLD

GLASGOW (Reuters)—The Scots, who for hundreds of years have been brewing the highlands' special cure for a cold are going to export the heady "medicine" from Jan. 1 to anyone who will buy it.

The mixture, called Atholl Brose, is made by judiciously combining malt whisky, oatmeal, honey and cream. It will be made commercially, for the first time, at Bunchrew near Inverness, a private firm disclosed today. Atholl Brose gets its name, according to tradition, from the Earl of Atholl who in the time of James III of Scotland, 1451-1488, captured the Earl of Ross by putting the potent brew in a well from which his victim was known to drink.

Commonwealth Court Labor MP's Dream

Ablest Jurors Nominated by Each Country Would Sit on Supra-National Body

By RON EVANS

LONDON (CP)—Canada may soon be asked to join in the setting up of supra-national court to rule on disputes within the Commonwealth.

The "Commonwealth court" is the dream of a short bristled Labor member of parliament, Hector Hughes. Known as the Irishman with the Welsh name who sits for a Scots constituency, he hopes that his plan will come up for consideration during the present session of the Commons.

He has written Prime Minister Churchill requesting time for discussion of the motion and has received a reply assuring him it is being studied by the government.

Canada ruled out appeals to the Privy Council with a bill passed Oct. 11, 1949, making the Supreme Court of Canada the ultimate authority of domestic affairs.

PICK ABLEST JURISTS

Hughes hopes to have the chief justices of self-governing Commonwealth states nominate their ablest jurists to serve on the court. He has no preferences as to the size of the body.

"It should, of course, be an odd number," he said in an interview, "perhaps five, seven or nine."

The court would sit in the capitals of member countries as required.

Hughes said that, while he hopes it would hear and determine appeals from the supreme courts, it would play a greater role in deciding disputes between members such as might arise over common roads, bridges or hydro-electric projects.

THEORETICAL CASE

He offered as a theoretical example a dispute that might arise

between the Union of South Africa and the neighboring Central African Federation over power from the Zambesi Falls.

Another role he outlined in a recent letter to The Manchester Guardian:

"A true Commonwealth court is highly desirable as a practical link and as providing an opportunity for the comprehensive and scientific exposition of law at the highest level. Goodwill could, indeed, thus shape theory to facts and utility."



HEIRESS—Mrs. Lois McCaskill shows her happiness in Hollywood after hearing she inherited \$15,000,000 from her late husband's estate. The total estate, about \$50,000,000, is huge Mississippi oil pool. (NEA Telephoto.)

French Pilots Halt Invaders Of Indo-China

Tons of Bombs Hold Up Reds

SAIGON, Indo-China (UP)—French pilots flying American-built warplanes halted the southward march of Communist invaders with tons of bombs today while loyal ground forces in northern Indo-China reported killing 500 Red rebels and capturing 500 guerrillas.

The French struck back in the air and on the ground to erase new gains made by Red-dominated Vietnamese forces which slashed Indo-China in two last Saturday by driving to the Mekong River port of Thakhek in Laos on the Thailand border.

TROOPS MOVE UP

While F8F Bearcats and B26 bombers pounded rebel columns moving south from Thakhek to the French defense line at Savannakhet, ground troops mopped up Reds near Hanoi in the north.

French authorities belittled the importance of the sudden campaign that took the Communists across the narrow waist of Indo-China into the kingdom of Laos which only recently was granted her independence.

The French still believe the main target of the new offensive was the Hanoi fortress which commands the rice-rich Hanoi delta rice bowl.

At least two of the Reds five veteran divisions, the 308th and 312th, remained poised on the rim of the Hanoi perimeter. Without attacking Hanoi, the Communists could get little gain from their Laotian invasion, which officials said appeared largely aimed at setting up a Korea-styled truce line along the 16th Parallel.

WIRE BRIEFS

Port Alberni Fire

PORT ALBERNI, B.C. (CP)—About \$4,000 damage was caused by a fire which broke out at the Tahsis Co. sawmill here. The blaze originated in a pile of shingles and is believed to have been started by spontaneous combustion.

Lost Boy Scouts Home

CALGARY (CP)—Five Boy Scouts and two scoutmasters, reported missing during a week-end mountain hike about 75 miles west of here, walked into their destination at Lake Kananaskis today. All were reported unharmed. (See Page 5.)

Emergency Board

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower today created an emergency board to head off a threatened strike of more than 1,000,000 United States railroad workers represented by 15 non-operating unions.

360 Traffic Deaths?

CHICAGO (UP)—The National Safety Council today predicted that 360 persons would be killed in traffic accidents during the New Year's holiday. (The Christmas prediction of 510 was exceeded by 22.)

'GREATEST FOOTBALL HOAX' GETS CHEAP AIR PASSAGE

LONDON (CP)—A rugby squad self-styled the Toronto and Montreal rugby football touring team was credited today by the London Star with the "gayest rugby football hoax of the century."

The daily was commenting in its sports column on a rugby exhibition game Monday between the "Canadians" and a London hospital pick-up squad. The Londoners won 44-0.

"This remarkable group of buccaners planned to come to Britain for Christmas anyway," said The Star, "and apparently realized that air passage is cheaper for a sports team than for individuals."

None of the visiting team could be reached for comment. "Some team," said The Star. "For the record, the half-time score was 26 points to nil and thereafter the crowd thinned from 11 souls to nine."



M' Uncle Zeke's wife figgers when a feller puts on a paper cap, he leaves off his thinkin' cap.
Looks like the Red attack in Indo-China may be the Laos straw.
M' Scotch-friend sez th' reason he likes New Year's better'n Christmas is y' don't hev t' buy all them presents.

Probe Ransom Note In McDowell Case

\$50,000 Demand Believed By Police 'Screwball' Stunt

TORONTO (CP)—York County Crown attorney Harold Sanders said today a \$50,000 "ransom note" has been received in the Marion McDowell disappearance case but he said that it probably was sent by some "screwball."

The note said the pretty 17-year-old typist, reported kidnapped by a hooded gunman from a parked car in suburban Scarborough township December 6, is "alive and well." It instructed the "family" to raise \$50,000.

Sanders said: "There are about 99 chances in 100 that it is the work of a screwball but we have to take that single chance."

He said instructions in the note have been followed to the letter but no communication had been established with the writer. An advertisement was placed in a Toronto newspaper addressed simply to "K" and saying: "I can get the \$50,000."

The note was received five days ago.

Second Clue Being Checked

There was a second development in the case with disclosure of the discovery of an old suit coat and hat on Hogg's Hollow bridge in suburban Toronto early today.

In the coat was Marion McDowell's name and the address 937 St. Catherine's Street, Montreal. Scarborough police are checking this clue but Montreal police reported there was no such number and they were checking further.

Marion McDowell was parked with 19-year-old James Wilson in the latter's car on a lonely

lover's lane in Scarborough the night of Dec. 6.

Wilson reported to police that a hooded gunman slugged him and then apparently slugged the girl. He said the gunman stuffed Marion unconscious into the trunk of a second car and drove off.

An intensive two-week search of the Toronto metropolitan area failed to turn up a clue to the girl's whereabouts and police expressed fear that she probably had been killed.

Mr. Sanders disclosed that the "ransom note" was signed with the letter "K."

Note Delivered to Wrong Party

He said the note, partly printed and partly written in long hand, was delivered in error to another McDowell family on Oak Park Avenue, the street on which Marion's parents live. It was addressed simply to "Mr. McDowell, Oak Park Avenue."

It was turned over to police. Ross McDowell, father of Marion, was instructed to keep the matter secret while Mr. Sanders inserted an ad in the Toronto newspaper in an effort to make contact with the writer. Today Mr. McDowell declined to discuss the note but indicated he would not be able to raise \$50,000.

Scarborough police chief Wilfred McLellan labelled the "ransom letter" just another "false lead in a long line of false leads."

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Royal City Boy Shoots Father; Remanded

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—A 17-year-old boy was remanded Monday for one week on a charge of "unlawfully wounding" his father. Police who arrested the juvenile Sunday said the parent was shot through the neck and shoulder following a quarrel. The victim was reported in "satisfactory" condition in hospital.



Salesgirls Salvage Wilting Christmas Spirits

The gentlemen above was one of hundreds who hurried into the Hudson's Bay Co. store today to take advantage of a gift exchange offer. Anything from anywhere, the management said,

would be exchanged. The gentleman with the T-shirt didn't like it. He was ready to trade it for pretty Amber Kilshaw's happy smile. (See story on page 9.) (Photo by Bill Halkett.)

School Board Election Set January 14

Curtis, Williams May Be Sole Contestants

A straight two-way contest for the single city seat open on the Greater Victoria School Board seems probable for the Jan. 14 by-election.

Candidates will be Austin I. Curtis, whose resignation created the vacancy, and William H. Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for school board in the Dec. 10 election.

Nomination day is Jan. 7. Date of the election was set by city council Monday.

Mr. Curtis submitted his resignation in November because the board was submitting its \$3,390,000 building program to ratepayers as a referendum and not a by-law. When the referendum was rejected, Mr. Curtis felt his stand had been justified, and offered to withdraw his resignation. The school board ruled against withdrawal.

Saucers? 'Phooey!' Says Moscow

LONDON (UP)—Flying saucers? You can bet your last kopek they are not Russian, Moscow radio says.

The Soviet disclaims all responsibility for the saucers and says they are figments of the imaginations of western warmongers designed to make taxpayers swallow heavier military budgets.

The timing of the unusual denial by Radio Moscow aroused interest here. For, on December 17, Swedish Air Line Pilot Capt. Ulf Christensson reported sighting a mysterious supersonic missile over Sweden only 300 miles from the secret Soviet rocket bases on the Baltic coast.

And a few days earlier, the authoritative Jane's All the World's Aircraft reported the Soviet Union was turning out a new rocket-propelled intercept plane to defend her frontiers against attack.

"To fan war hysteria, the aggressive forces stop at nothing," Moscow said quoting an article on the subject from the official Soviet army newspaper Red Star.

It ridiculed as a "fable" the Swedish pilot's observation and said the reports tried to "create the impression that the mysterious objects originate from Moscow."

During the last 50 years, population of the world has increased 826,000,000 and still is rising.

ALSO LAZY AND APATHETIC

Young Briton Drifting, Unambitious, Says Report

LONDON (Reuters)—The average 18-year-old young man in Britain was told today in an official report that he is lazy, unambitious, apathetic and inclined to drift.

Dr. Robert Logan, sociologist of Manchester University, and Matilda Goldberg, psychiatric social worker, reached this conclusion after three years studying the background, work and leisure of young men in Britain from all classes.

They asked each youth interviewed to answer 120 questions. The answers revealed that all the youths, from the intelligent and mature to the "poorly endowed," had a "striking lack of creative leisure pursuits."

"The majority, in their leisure interests, seem to be 'passing time' and this is well illustrated in their week-end program."

"On Saturdays they might do shopping, watch soccer or cricket, or play billiards. In the evening the majority went to

ALORS! HOT AND COLD RUNNING WINE

FRANCE (Reuters)—Guests at a hotel in this ancient capital of Burgundy can turn on taps in their bedrooms and get hot and cold water—or wine.

Under the wine tap is a notice in English which says: "All countries in the world have their riches. Burgundy has its vineyards. You will be happy all day if you drink a glass of wine on waking."

B.C. to Get \$20,000 for Civil Defense

The federal government will contribute \$6,000, half the cost of staffing and operating three federally owned fire pumps loaned to B.C. for training auxiliary civil defense firemen outside Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver.

This was announced in Ottawa Monday by Hon. Paul Martin, minister in charge of civil defense planning, who said he and B.C. Provincial Secretary W. D. Black had signed an agreement providing for payment by Ottawa of approximately \$20,000 towards \$30,000 worth of civil defense projects in B.C.

Up-Island communities to benefit under the plan include the Alberni, Nanaimo and North Cowichan.

Health Minister Martin, the cabinet member responsible for civil defense, said Monday he and W. D. Black, B.C. provincial secretary, have signed agreements covering the financial arrangements for the new projects.

Biggest portion of the \$80,000 estimate—\$51,552—has been earmarked for the expansion of fire-fighting facilities in these areas: Vancouver, Kamloops, Okanagan, Alberni, Nanaimo, Cranbrook, Nelson and Slocan.

Dynamite Sticks Found in Planer Of Interior Mill

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP)—RCMP are investigating the explosion of a dynamite cap in the Kennelly Lumber Company plant near Cranbrook.

Night watchman Charles Lowe heard the explosion and said he found five unexploded sticks of dynamite in the last roller of the planer. Floodlights have been installed since a blast in the plant Dec. 24.

The plant is not affected by the IWA strike which began Oct. 24. Its employees are IWA members. Early in December, however, the plant was unsuccessfully picketed in an IWA bid for sympathy, crews working a day under the eyes of some 200 pickets.

2 Doukhobors Released on Arson Charges

Suspected in Try To Burn House

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—Two Doukhobors, arrested following an attempt to burn the home of a member of the local Co-ordinating Committee on Doukhobor Affairs Christmas Day, were released here Monday for lack of evidence.

They were arrested about an hour after an attempt to burn the home of Emmett Guiley on a description given by neighbors, who saw three men leave Mr. Guiley's home.

The three men were suspected of pouring gas on the side of the house and lighting two crude wicks which failed to burn.

Meanwhile, members of the sect Monday renewed pleas that the B.C. department of education end its demands that their children attend school.

Eight spokesmen for the radical sect, whose sporadic outbreaks of arson and nude parades have kept the B.C. Kootenay district in turmoil for more than 20 years, made the latest request in an interview here with school inspector J. J. McKenzie.

Mr. McKenzie told the group that the present government policy regarding school attendance would be enforced.

At Victoria earlier Monday, Attorney-General Robert Bonner said the government had met little success in compelling school attendance for 200 to 300 Freedomite children.

Education department officials said a number of Freedomite parents had been charged under the School Act with failing to allow their children to attend school and given suspended sentences. One child was placed under the care of the department of welfare.

Noranda Miners Vote Against Returning to Work

NORANDA, Que. (UP)—Returns from two votes sponsored by different groups—one vote drawing 821 ballots and the other only 132—contradicted each other today but it was apparent striking Noranda miners did not want to accept a back-to-work offer from the company.

In a vote sponsored by the United Steelworkers Union and conducted by five newspaper men the miners overwhelmingly rejected the company's offer of a 7½ per cent wage increase. The vote was 739 to 79 with 12 spoiled ballots.

A "citizens committee" vote, sponsored by Guy Dallaire, member of the Quebec Legislature for Rouyn-Noranda, was a flop. Of 1,472 eligible voters, only 132 voted. The score was 118 in favor of accepting the company's offer and 14 against.

Remanded in Court
VANCOUVER (CP)—William Wakefield Gash, 19, charged with the murder of Frank Pitsch, 45, on Langara Golf course, was remanded to Dec. 31 when he appeared in police court here Monday. Court indicated a further remand would be granted to Jan. 5.

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FOUR-TIMES-MARRIED HEIRESS, Barbara Hutton, is reported planning to wed Porfirio Rubirosa, suave Dominican ex-diplomat and international playboy, who was once married to "the world's richest girl," Doris Duke. Miss Hutton, heiress to a Woolworth five-and-dime fortune, was married previously to two princes, a count and actor Cary Grant. Rubirosa has been married three times and was recently fired from the Dominican foreign service after being named co-resident in two divorce suits.

New City Body Will Foster World Union

A branch of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will soon be established here.

A preliminary meeting of interested persons will be held January 4. The chief organizer, R. H. B. Ker, said union officials would be elected at a later meeting.

Mr. Ker had been asked to organize a branch here by Frank Darvall, the group's director-general, who recently toured Canada establishing branches in major centres.

The union's purpose is to draw together by bonds of comradeship peoples of the United Kingdom, other Commonwealth countries and the United States. It is non-political and non-sectarian and, despite its title, open to anyone regardless of language or race.

Mr. Darvall had said Canada could be a major factor in bringing increased understanding between the U.S. and the Commonwealth—hence the plans to increase Canadian membership.

The organization now lists a membership in excess of 25,000 persons, and includes Sir Winston Churchill, the Duke of Edinburgh and Clement Attlee.

Deputy Transport Minister J. C. Lessard said Monday night Britain had agreed to further transfers.

Quiet Efficiency That Cares for Every Detail

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3,000 Mothers In Mass March For Polio Fund

Swift Canvass Aims At \$30,000 Target

Some 3,000 mothers will descend on porch-lit Victoria homes in a mass march one-hour canvass campaign Feb. 13 to collect funds to aid in polio treatment.

Sponsored by the Vic Van Isle Kinsmen Club and the Victoria Kinsmen Club, funds obtained from the mass march, business, special events and special names will be used by the two clubs for polio treatment. A tentative objective of \$30,000 has been set.

The drive is in conjunction with the mass marches to be held in other parts of the province the same night, mostly sponsored by Kinsmen Clubs.

Volunteer assistance has been offered by several other organizations and it is estimated that at least 3,000 mothers will join the campaign which will cover 22 local districts.

HEADQUARTERS HUNT

Kinsmen Club officials were searching today for a spot to establish an office with a full-time stenographer.

Polio Mother for the campaign will be Mrs. Clarence Wallace, wife of the lieutenant-governor.

Named as Mothers' March campaign chairmen are J. A. Ingram, Gordon Page, Hugh Francis and J. A. Sanders. Ed Bergerson and Jack Phillips will be in charge of publicity and special events while James Johnston and C. M. Will take charge of finances.

British Registry Deal Worked Out For Canadian Ships

OTTAWA (UP)—The way was clear today for more Canadian ship owners to transfer deep-sea vessels to British registry so they can operate them more cheaply.

The owners estimated that the cost of operating ships under the British flag was about \$100,000 a year less per vessel than under Canadian registry.

About 30 ships were believed still eligible for transfer under an agreement worked out between the British and Canadian governments. Some 90 ships were transferred earlier under agreement between the two governments.

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AFTER THREE MONTHS of night club entertaining, former Metropolitan opera star, Helen Traubel, today expressed happiness over her success. Miss Traubel took special pleasure in refuting the predictions of Rudolf Bing, general manager of the Met, that night club singing would ruin her voice. She said her voice is just as healthy and just as much appreciated by the cafe society set as by lovers of opera. "I'm very happy in what I'm doing and only sorry I didn't do it sooner," she said.

Canadian Convicted Of Smuggling

MANILA, P.I. (UP)—William Ernest Joffe, 37-year-old Canadian business man, was found guilty of attempted gold bullion smuggling today and sentenced to a year in prison and a fine of 2,000 pesos (\$1,000).

The judge ordered confiscated the four pieces of gold bullion worth \$35,000 which were found in Joffe's possession Dec. 7 while he was about to board a plane for Hong Kong at the international airport.

The defense lawyers announced their intention to appeal.

Japanese Group Surveys Alaska For Industries

Will Push Plans For Pulp Mill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Four Japanese businessmen who have been conducting a study of mineral and timber resources in the Anchorage area left Monday for Tokyo.

The four Japanese, top officials of the Alaska Lumber and Pulp Co., a Japanese-owned firm which has announced plans to develop southeastern Alaska wood pulp resources in the near future, looked over other development possibilities in this area.

Tadao Sasayama, chairman of the board of Alaska Pulp, which was formed earlier this month in Juneau, expressed special interest in the territory's oil potential.

A ready oil supply here would be of great interest to Japan because of its relative nearness to Japanese islands, Sasayama said.

He pointed out that Japan has to import much crude and refined oil from the United States. He said his group plans further visits to the territory next summer to push plans for its proposed pulp mill in southeastern Alaska.

NOTICE

\$100 REWARD

For information leading to a disaffected owner of a Volkswagen car or truck purchased from Speedway Motors Ltd., 901 Yates at Quadra.

INDOOR GARDEN INVESTITURE

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth stood amid the brilliant hues of an indoor garden here tonight and bestowed the insignia of honors on 60 men and women following her return from Whangarei.

As each recipient came forward across the stage, Lord Althorp, acting master of the Queen's household, handed Queen Elizabeth the insignia or decoration on a scarlet velvet cushion. She had a handshake and a few words for each.

The Investiture lasted half an hour.

MARK ABBEY DEDICATION
LONDON (Reuters)—Special services were held Monday in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the first dedication of the abbey in 1065. The abbey dates back to the eighth century but its early history is shrouded in legend. It was dedicated to St. Peter of Rome in 1065.

NEPAL ENVOY KILLED
NEW DELHI (AP)—Nepal's ambassador to India, Lt. Gen. Bijaya Shumshere Jung Bahadur Rana, 39, was accidentally electrocuted in his bathtub today. He touched a switch while taking a bath in water heated by an electric heating rod, an embassy statement said.

Members of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, A.P. & A.M. No. 2, G.R.C.C. are requested to attend an Emergency Communication of the Lodge, to be held in the Masonic Temple, Flagstaff Street, Wednesday, December 30 at 2:45 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother Victor Leroy Smith. Members of local lodges and visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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Red, White And Blue Wash Greets Queen

Two Centenarians Meet Royal Pair

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (UP)—New Zealanders outdid each other today in their efforts to show patriotic affection for Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

As the royal couple drove south from Whangarei to Auckland, one farm woman hung out a washing of red, white and blue clothing while a farmer decorated his cow with red, white and blue rosettes.

The royal couple spent most of today resting and traveling south from the Maori country around Whangarei.

They traveled through the sunny and cheerful countryside to spend three hours in the afternoon at a seaside haven on the edge of the Pacific.

GO ON PICNIC

The Queen and Duke drove to the relaxing beauty of the Wenderholme seaside estate of H. W. Coudrey near the Waiwera beach resort.

They lunched on a balcony overlooking the beach. Around them blazed crimson pohutukawa blooms and tulips. Parakeets chorused in the bush nearby and hundreds of yachts sailed in the bay under a blaring sun.

Later the royal couple went to the beach with a picnic hamper while security police insured them the strictest privacy.

The royal couple left Whangarei as a band played "Now Is the Hour."

MEET CENTENARIANS

But before they left, two 100-year-old survivors of the Nova Scotia migration to New Zealand were presented to the Queen. The centenarians were Mrs. Jessie Winifred McKenzie and Mrs. Johanna J. McCrae.

Elizabeth held the hand of each of the two old ladies in black for a few minutes. The Queen asked about the condition of Mrs. McKenzie, who is confined to a wheelchair with a broken leg. After assuring the Queen that she was fine, Mrs. McKenzie added a fervent "God bless you both" to the royal couple.

Tears glistened in Mrs. McKenzie's eyes as she watched the Queen leave.

"I am glad I have lived to see this day," she said.

Col. L. E. Irving Dies in Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—Col. L. E. Wentworth Irving, physician and veteran of the Boer War and the First World War, died in hospital here at the age of 85.

Born in Hamilton, Ont., he was educated in France and Germany and received his medical degree from the University of Toronto.

Dawes Replaced

TORONTO (UP)—Bob Dawes, a former professional hockey player with the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs has been replaced by Al Murray as coach of the Galt Black Hawks of the Ontario Junior "A" series. It was learned today.

Murray was the former "mighty mite" of the New York Americans' defense.

NIXON, PILTDOWN MAN ALSO HELPED

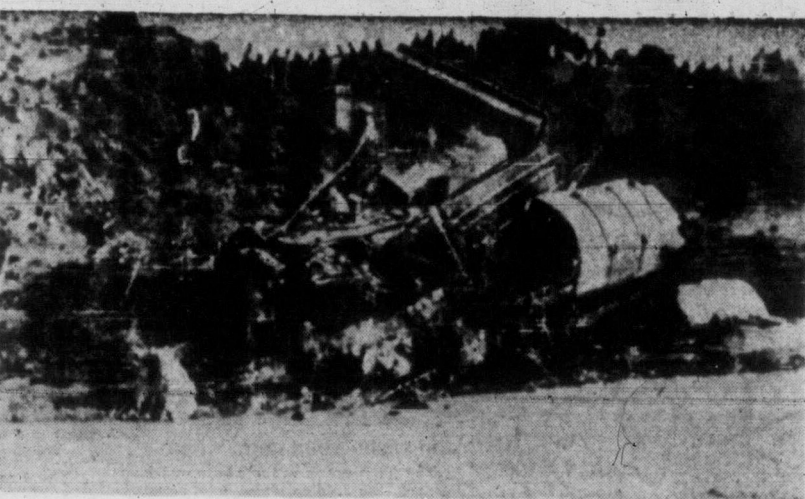
Ohio, Lost Boys, Harry Truman, Carmen Contribute to Zany 1953

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON (AP)—Well, sir, 1953 did all right in the zany department, too. The territory of Ohio finally made the grade. Due to some sort of slip-up, Ohio never was admitted to the union. Congress gravely and legally accepted the new state, retroactive to March 1, 1803.

Elsewhere, the scientific approach was discovered in the young. A seven-year-old Cushing, Okla., boy listened to a fire chief lecture on the dangers of playing with matches—and went home to set the place afire.

"I wanted to find out if they were telling the truth," he said.

A little boy, lost in a Dallas department store, explained to his mother how the world looks to a four-year-old. "I saw lots of



N.Z. Prepares for Mass Funeral

The death toll of New Zealand's Christmas Eve train wreck was again revised downward today by officials. Eight more persons who left the scene of the crash in the darkness have been reported safe and taken off the missing list. Monday 11 names were taken off the original total of 166 dead and

missing. So far 117 bodies have been recovered and 30 passengers are still unaccounted for. Mass funeral for the victims will be held Thursday when the Duke of Edinburgh will fly to Wellington with Prime Minister Sidney Holland for the services.

'Staggered' B.C. Borrowing Won't Slow School Building

The provincial government does not intend to hold up new school construction in 1954 by limiting its borrowing on behalf of school boards, a government source said today.

Unconfirmed reports that a cutback in construction was planned have circulated in Victoria for several weeks.

The mistaken impression probably arose because the government, which now does the borrowing on behalf of the boards, intends to "stagger" its borrowing for school construction purposes.

This means the government will not immediately float loans for the entire amount of new school construction to be started in 1954. Most of the construction proposals are three to five-year programs anyway. Financial experts see no reason to borrow the whole amount and have "large sums of money" lying around.

There is another important argument against borrowing the whole amount needed. If this was done there would be too many school board bonds on the market and they wouldn't fetch such a good price.

Thus the government will stagger its borrowing "in the interests of orderly marketing."

But this does not mean school construction will be retarded. It merely means the money will be borrowed on a piecemeal basis in order to get the best price. The old practice of many

Surgery for Girl Beaten by Juvenile

VANCOUVER (CP)—Joan McIntosh, who was in a semi-conscious state at Kelowna, B.C., for three weeks, will undergo a delicate brain operation here. The 10-year-old girl suffered head injuries when beaten by a juvenile boy and only recently regained consciousness. The boy has been remanded until Thursday in custody of his parents.

Boat Builder Dead

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—Herbert George Walton, prominent sportsman and founder of the Nelson Power Boat Association, died in hospital here at the age of 48.

Mr. Walton had been a boat builder in Nelson for 31 years.

\$100,000 Damage

GRETNA, Man. (CP)—Damage was estimated at about \$100,000 in a fire Monday night which destroyed the consumers co-op store at Gretna near the international border. No one was injured.

Traffic Injuries Fatal to B.C. Man

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Injuries received in an automobile accident near Sprague, Wash., Sunday night proved fatal here Monday to Jack Keer, 24, of Marysville, B.C.

It was the third traffic fatality in the Spokane area during the Christmas holidays.

It was decided, says The Times dispatch, "to deal head on and early with the two major legislative items that could provide a filibuster. These are the Seaway and the Hawaiian statehood bill."

Wrong Party

"In Springfield, Ill., a fellow approached a couple of strangers in a tavern and asked if they were interested in helping him with a stick-up. They were, indeed, since they were deputy sheriffs.

Another quote worth remembering: Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Truman were in New York, and about to enter their hotel. A small crowd gathered around them. Said the former president to Mrs. T.:

"Come on, Ma, you're blocking traffic."

This was the year, too, you'll remember, when Carmen went untabbed in a Chicago performance. "Finish

the opera yourself," Don Jose told the conductor, and fanned his dagger with him. To Carmen's everlasting credit, she collapsed and died anyway.

And it was the year when the Piltdown man, considered by many authorities to be 500,000 years old, was proved to be a scientific fraud. Piltdown, the British museum authorities said, wasn't a day over 50,000.

Politically, there were these developments:

Richard M. Nixon became the first U.S. vice-president ever to walk into a lion's den. As a sideshow to an initiation stunt, Nixon went in and patted 48-year-old Sheba. "Hi, kitty," he said.

Do you shrink from making friends?

When you feel like starting a friendly conversation with a stranger, does shyness hold you back?

Don't let it, advises noted author A. J. Cronin in January Reader's Digest.

Read how easy it is — by overcoming that moment's shyness — to turn strange faces into familiar ones, win interesting new friendships, and enrich your whole life.

Don't miss "A Thousand and One Lives" in January Reader's Digest. It's just one of 36 articles of lasting interest, condensed from leading magazines, current books.

U.S. Civilian, Soldier Freed By Russians

Served Jail Terms Behind Iron Curtain

BERLIN (UP)—Two Americans, a soldier and a civilian, who disappeared mysteriously on the fringe of the Iron Curtain, were set free by Soviet Russia today. One had been missing since 1949.

Army Pvt. Homer H. Cox, 33, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Leland H. Towers, 39, of San Francisco, Calif., were handed over to United States authorities at Red army headquarters in Karlsruhe this afternoon.

TWO OF MANY

They owed their freedom to Austrian, Dutch and German war prisoners, freed in recent months by the Russians. Some of these prisoners specified Cox and Towers as among numerous Americans in Russian captivity.

The Austro-German prisoners said Cox had been sentenced to 33 years in prison for some alleged crime and that the sentence later had been reduced to 25 years.

The United States made representations to Russia as soon as news of the Americans' captivity was received.

The state department was advised last week that Cox and Towers would be freed.

RELEASED MONDAY

They were brought from Russia in a prisoner train which reached Euerstenwalde, 30 miles east-southeast of Berlin, Monday.

Officials promised that they would be available for a press conference after a medical check.

Cox had been missing from his military police post in Berlin since Sept. 22, 1949, and had been listed as absent without leave.

Towers, working as a merchant seaman, disappeared from his ship in Finland in 1951.

Elderly Woman Trapped 9 Hours In Overturned Car

SEATTLE (AP)—An 80-year-old woman, trapped more than nine hours beneath an overturned automobile, was freed uninjured today. The woman, Mrs. Mary A. Hallstone, was taken to hospital for treatment for shock and exposure, but her condition was reported "just fine."

Police reported the car in which Mrs. Hallstone was driving alone slid over a steep embankment and overturned.

SENATOR'S MOTHER DIES

OTTAWA (CP)—Mrs. Patrick T. Connolly, mother of Senator John J. Connolly of Ottawa, died here Monday night. She was 83. A native of Van-leek Hill, Ont., she lived in Ottawa most of her life. She is also survived by two other sons, Charles P. Connolly of Toronto and Edwin C. Connolly of Regina.

Nothing Will Be Secret

1-100,000,000th Object Will Be Seen Under 'Scope

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—Scientists are well on their way toward being able to see and photograph small molecules and even individual atoms, the American Physical Society was told today.

They may be able to observe what takes place when a catalyst breaks down one chemical compound to form another—a reaction widely used in industry but little understood. They may see the lattices formed by atoms in making crystals.

These prospects were reported by Dr. Joseph Henderson of the University of Washington, Seattle, and Dr. W. W. Dolan and Dr. W. P. Dyke of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.

Best bet for getting a look at the atom, Dr. Henderson said, is an instrument called an ion microscope, which uses

the cores of hydrogen atoms as its "light source." It is being developed mainly by scientists in Germany.

With this instrument scientists should be able to see an object as small as 1-100,000,000th of an inch in diameter, Dr. Henderson said.

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Rhee Urges Korean War Be Resumed

Sees Breakdown In Talks 'Final'

SEOUL, Korea (UP)—South Korean President Syngman Rhee urged the United Nations today to stop talking with the Communists and reopen the Korean war.

But the iron-willed ruler reluctantly renewed his pledge that he would allow a peace conference 90 days to unify his country before risking any military action of his own.

In New Year's greetings to the people of South and North Korea, the 78-year-old president made it clear he believed that lasting world peace can be achieved only by driving the Reds out of Korea.

But Rhee, who has spent most of his life in exile fighting for a free and unified Korea, said he could not press the war alone.

Unilateral ROK action "would have seriously affected our relations with friendly nations overseas," he said.

In his holiday message, the president said he believed the breakdown in conference negotiations was "final."

VOLCANOES ERUPT

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's two most active volcanoes erupted within six hours of each other today with great violence but no casualties were reported.

JEAN SALADE, 40, manager of the hotel in this little town 40 miles from Nice, bought the statue at an auction for the equivalent \$350. It stands four feet high and is about 200 years old.

Salade stood the statue on the floor of the hotel dining room while waiting to decide the best place to put it. Playing cards with some friends Sunday he pushed back his chair in an argument and broke a finger off the statue.

Monday Salade was astonished to see a drop of red liquid form and drop from the broken stump of the finger, followed by another.

He called neighbors, about 30 of whom witnessed the phenomenon. Drops fell at the rate of one a minute for half an hour. A chemist in the neighboring town of Puget-Théniers, Paul Warin, made tests and reported that the liquid appeared to be human blood.

REDS COMMEMORATE ROSENBERGS' DEATH

BERLIN (UP)—Soviet zone calendars for 1954 mark the execution of atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as among days Communists are to commemorate.

The 76 dates specified also include Josef Stalin's birth and death, "the destruction of Dresden (in eastern Germany) by Anglo-American bombers," Red Army day, "World Peace Day" and the publication day of Stalin's history of the Communist party.

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MORE NYLONS, LACE PANTIES FOR U.K. WOMEN

LONDON (Reuters)—British women were cheered today with a board of trade announcement that more nylon stockings and fancy lace-trimmed under garments may be imported next year from Canada and the United States.

The increased imports of feminine frivolities from the dollar area will result from minor changes in the British token import program.

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Extending the PGE

PREMIER BENNETT'S PLAN to extend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to North Vancouver and the Peace River country leaves several important questions unanswered. The premier is entitled, of course, to answer them at his own convenience.

In the first place, does the British Columbia Government intend to undertake this huge project alone, if the Federal Government refuses to participate?

So far as the public record shows, Mr. St. Laurent has said only that he is not buying any railways. He has not ruled out some mileage grants in aid of a PGE extension. But how much will those grants be? How much remaining cost must be borne by the provincial treasury?

It is said that the extension will cost some \$75 millions. That is a lot of money. If the Provincial Government pays the full cost and can borrow at about four per cent interest, the annual addition to the budget will be \$3,000,000. With sinking funds to be provided, the deadweight cost over 25 years will be about \$6,000,000 annually.

Such a program would have two effects. It would reverse—and on a scale never attempted by any former Government—the present Government's decision not to increase debt. Never before has a Provincial Government increased debt by anything like \$75,000,000 in one chunk. Secondly, the money invested in the railway will not be available for roads or other constructive uses. Certainly all forms of public construction will be less than they would be without the large railway investment.

The primary question, however, is what the extension would do for the PGE itself. Mr. Bennett says the railway has never paid its operating

costs, properly calculated, much less the interest on its existing debt. The extension, at a cost of \$75 millions, would add \$6,000,000 to the railway's annual obligations before there could be any profit. Does Mr. Bennett believe, therefore, that the extension will produce new revenues to cover the existing debt charges, the new debt charges and the operating costs?

In his own time, doubtless, Mr. Bennett will give the public appropriate figures on that score. Meanwhile we know only that no private company, though many have studied the problem for the last thirty years, has ever believed that it could make money or break even on the PGE as it stands or with a north-south extension.

Mr. Bennett rightly is hopeful about the development of the Peace River country, particularly in the business of gas and oil. It should be remembered, however, that once oil and gas fields are developed they do not of themselves provide much railway traffic, since their products travel mainly by pipeline. Railways need the heavy tonnage of farm-stuffs, minerals or forest products. An extended PGE will need large quantities of that freight even to pay interest on its borrowings. Where is it to come from?

That is the hard fact which must be considered, and considered with cold business calculation.

Since it was first built the PGE has usually been a political football under all Governments and its affairs usually settled by political, not business calculation. When a sum of \$75,000,000 is involved, it is for the Government to prove beyond a doubt that the new burden on the taxpayers is justified, not as a political but as a purely business proposition.

Immigration Rising Again

CANADA'S IMMIGRATION TOTAL this year will reach the second highest peak in the postwar period, according to an estimate from Ottawa this week. The aggregate since hostilities ended will approximate 950,000 with the complete 1953 figure included.

While this may not amount to a net gain in population—people have been leaving Canada as well as coming to the country—the influx represents an important segment in a nation of roughly 15,000,000.

With them the newcomers have brought their own particular skills, their own folkways and their own cultures. Here they are applying techniques learned on alien soil and here they are learning to integrate themselves into the fabric of Canadian life.

The result must be of benefit to

A Plan of Action Needed

THE SUGGESTION, THAT AN adequate building be constructed adjacent to Thunderbird Park to house Indian curios and historical objects should not be allowed to die. It is a proposal that deserves the active support of every individual and group in this community.

The factors in its favor are so many and varied they should appeal to all sections of the public. The present museum accommodation is quite inadequate for proper display of the wealth of material in the possession of the province. This occasion is a distinct loss to our citizens, our school children and our visitors. And the lack is cumulative, for valuable collections and objects of Indian craftsmanship which should be lent or bequeathed to the museum are being sent to other institutions—only too glad to receive them—where they can be given the display and attention commensurate with their importance.

The Pacific Northwest area has a rich legacy of Indian culture—a form of art and craftsmanship found nowhere else in the world. As the

Beside the Lowells and Cabots

HON. EARL ROWE, PROGRESSIVE Conservative member for Dufferin-Simcoe, strikes an impressively patrician attitude when he assesses the present administration at Ottawa.

Drawing the royal purple of his toga more closely about him he declares:

"Never has a party been in power which has so many stripes of different policy as the party who sits in your right, Mr. Speaker. We have free traders; we have freelanders; we have Socialists; we have pinkies; and we have those who are bordering on red in the party that is in power today."

Making due allowance for the fact that to the hard-shelled Tory and

Bertie McCormick any liberal, with a small "l" is "bordering on the red," Mr. Rowe's real meaning is clear. All he is saying is that the present administration represents as many Canadians as can be legitimately represented.

When the former minister without portfolio in Lord Bennett's cabinet adds that the Liberals "constitute the most mongrel political concoction I have seen since Confederation," he is defining his own position. That, it would appear, places him very close to the Lowells who talk only to the Cabots, who in turn talk only to God.

But in case Mr. Rowe hasn't noticed it, someone should remind him there aren't many Lowells and Cabots voting these days.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



LOOSE ENDS

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

King and the Commonwealth

REVIEWING a recent biography of the late W. L. Mackenzie King, first published in Canada and later in England, The London Times exhumes an old fallacy. It says, according to the cable dispatches from London, that King was the great obstacle to the organization and articulation of the Commonwealth. His Canadian nationalism, The Times evidently thinks, gravely damaged the Commonwealth's future.

This would have annoyed or amused King, if he could have heard it. For he died believing that his most important work was in the reorganization and consolidation of the Commonwealth. History, I believe, will confirm that view.

THOUGH Borden already had laid the foundations of the great change in the Commonwealth's life, it came under King in the early nineteen-twenties and mainly through King's insistence. That, of course, is what The Times must mean when it blames King for the change.

The decisive turning point was reached in the Imperial Conference of 1923 when King, a young man and an untired leader, rejected a powerful attempt by the British Government and some other Commonwealth Governments to centralize the Commonwealth under a common foreign policy, inevitably framed in London. None of these influences, even the personal plea of the great Smuts at a long private meeting, could dissuade King and the whole project was dropped. Then followed the Balfour Declaration, establishing the independence of the Commonwealth nations in theory, and the Statute of Westminster establishing it in law.

THE Times seems to think that the proper organization and articulation of the Commonwealth thereby was prevented. On the contrary, it was assured by the only possible means. For if the consolidation proposed at that time had been pursued it would have driven apart and in the end destroyed the Commonwealth.

If there was any doubt about King's wisdom in establishing the Commonwealth nations in complete independence, both in domestic and foreign policy, that doubt was removed just before King's death.

AFTER the Second World War, when he was lying sick in a London hotel and obviously dying, the great problem of India's place in the Commonwealth was being debated by another Imperial Conference a few blocks away. Nehru, head of the newly-independent Indian state,

was puzzled to know how it could fit into the Commonwealth. It was touch and go whether India would remain in the Commonwealth or withdraw, as it could easily have done.

In his dilemma Nehru consulted King in his sickroom. King was able to assure him that India, even as a republic, could safely remain in the Commonwealth because it was no longer organized and articulated on any centralized principle. It had become, mainly through the pressure of Borden and King, a family of absolutely sovereign states which could accept the policies of Britain or not, as they pleased. The new India embraced the Commonwealth.

IT cannot be said, of course, that King decided that question, though his influence on Nehru was powerful. But it was only in the kind of Commonwealth foreseen by King and created on his insistence that India could possibly have remained a member. The same undoubtedly is true of Pakistan. A Commonwealth organized and articulated on the opposite principle would soon have lost its friends in Asia. They would have been lost in all probability to the free world on the eve of the present world-wide power struggle. And that loss might well have proved disastrous.

OTHER results even more serious for the Commonwealth would have followed. Few if any of the great overseas Commonwealth nations, certainly not Canada, would have long remained in a Commonwealth which restricted their foreign policies or consolidated them in London. The whole theory of a "common policy" would disrupt the Commonwealth while attempting to consolidate it.

King's policy—not his alone, for it was generally shared throughout the Commonwealth—was, in fact, a policy of consolidation not in the form of paper documents and formal agreements but in the form of free co-operation. As Sir Winston Churchill has said—the old Empire centralizer of the nineteen-twenties having learned more wisdom in later years—the Commonwealth is not held together with "bits of string."

IT was King's policy to throw away the bits of string and base the sprawling and diverse Commonwealth, a family of different peoples, races, and histories, solely on joint interests, objectives and sentiments. These and these only could span the great gulf between London, Delhi, Ottawa and other Commonwealth capitals.

All this is no longer a theory. It is a fact. The Commonwealth, thus based, organized, articulated and consolidated, is so strong that it remains the only international organization which has survived the strains of two world wars.

As Our Readers See It

BENEFIT NIGHT

As secretary of the Victoria and District Men's Basketball League, I would like to thank all the members of the press and radio for their wonderful efforts and assistance in staging our "Benefit Night" at the Victoria High School gymnasium last Wednesday night.

My only regret is that all their time and effort went unrewarded but for a few faithful followers, so on behalf of myself and the Victoria and District Men's Basketball League go our thanks again. May this be reward enough for their hard but apparently unappreciated efforts.

R. ATKINSON.
3214 Doncaster Drive.

GOD SPEED YOUR GOOD WORK

The photograph in the Times of Diane Parsons, the Jubilee nurse, who recently flew to England, was excellent.

Miss Parsons is one of the isolation staff, that small band of nurses, who have, and still are having such a strenuous time, nursing polio cases. For the wonderful work those nurses are doing, only their patients know—the general public can only guess. There can be no let-up on that job—no slackness, constant watchfulness at all times, forever on the alert, and they have to be experienced in iron lung technique, know what and how to do it, should power fail (as it did recently during the severe storm).

Those isolation nurses are on call at all times while a crowded condition, as at present prevails. We, the general public, can show our appreciation by giving support to anything that will better conditions for isolation cases, and those whom they have to depend on for service, in any of our hospitals.

To all hospital staffs "May God speed your good work."

J. P. WREN.
1356 Pembroke Street.

CHEAPER TO RENT

So many human factors enter into the housing problem that it is one of the most complicated to handle. The cost, however, is very simple to estimate, but seems to be largely ignored.

A home, on which \$10,000 is payable by monthly installments will cost in round figures as follows. (Amounts other than \$10,000 pro rata.)

Time to Pay	Monthly Payments	Total Payments	Interest
Years			
10	\$100	\$1200	\$200
15	\$66.67	\$1000	\$0
20	\$50	\$1200	\$200
25	\$40	\$1000	\$0
30	\$33.33	\$1000	\$0

At 6 per cent and 30 years to pay (figures which have been mentioned recently), the total payout is rather more than double the initial worth.

Since a young man of 20 will very likely not settle down to his final job and location until he is 40, it would pay him to rent and put aside the monthly sum of \$23 for the period. Investing it annually in a 6 per cent mortgage, he will have at 40, \$10,000 to purchase a home outright. Twenty-three dollars

monthly is little more than two packs of cigarettes a day, a not unusual expenditure.

For a variety of reasons rents are hardly ever remunerative to owners. Very few owners allow properly for maintenance, depreciation and obsolescence on their houses. For this reason it is generally cheaper to rent than to buy.

J. P. THORNTON.
943 Wilmer Street.

INDIAN MUSEUM

It is with great pleasure that I back up Mayor Harrison's Thunderbird Park idea. I think the site now used even with the southeast corner of Government and Bellevue added to it will in a few years be found far too small.

There is no question some of the Indian carvings are beautiful and something different. If properly managed their totem carvings and basket weaving could be made on the spot and sold to the tourists, who would then know they were buying the genuine article. We would also help the Indians to be self-supporting and help ourselves to get a very good tourist attraction.

The only point on which I disagree with the mayor is the site. I suggest we take in the deer and bird park, the hill and about five acres at Beacon Hill, putting a museum on the top of the hill and asking the Federal Government if it would be interested in building a large searchlight tower to be used as a defence measure. It could also guide ships in and out of our harbor and be equipped with a loud siren which would help in fog, etc.

BILL ARCHER.
Victoria.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

It was a good sign to read in last Saturday's Times (19-12-53), under the caption: "What is your opinion?" that all the persons asked if, in their opinion it is true that the present-day celebration of Christmas has lost its religious aspect and become more of a pagan festival, are unanimous in their assertion that it is true! Mr. George Ross's suggestion is that we go back to the Bible as the only thing to do to remedy the present situation!

Great Britain's greatness dates from the time the Bible was given to the common people in their own tongue and was read daily in church and home! Germany's fall was the result of the introduction in her universities of the so-called higher (rather: the destructive), criticism of God's Word. Let those who think they stand, beware, lest they fall! "God is not mocked! Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap!"

Christmas without Christ is an impossibility! One can just as soon expect to see a bride walk up to the altar to be married without there being a bridegroom!

L. J. ECKMAN.
40 Wellington Ave., Victoria, B.C.

The Canadian Heritage

A Christmas Card, By LESLIE ROBERTS, Distinguished Canadian Writer

THE Canadian's heritage is the wind whispering through a field of ripening grain. It is the magic of the Rockies when the moon jewels their shining crests. It is the curling serpentine of the Slave across the Northwest tundra and a landing strip cut through virgin bush beside a minuscule settlement.

It is the hum of the assembly line in a bustling city, the roll of a dory on the swell of the Banks, the sound of a combine in the flat midwestern fields, the harsh signal for the cage in a mineshaft, the cry of "Tim-berr!" in the giant forests of the Queen Charlottes. It is the broad belly of a grain-carrier stepping down the Welland stairway and the silence of a great power-house harnessing a million wild-horses.

MURMUR OF SURF

It is the quick-spoken voice of France in the New World, the burr of a Scottish accent, an alibi that was lost in London and never found again, the halting English speech of a newcomer from Eindhoven. It is the murmur of surf slipping away from a Nova Scotia beach, and wrinkles creasing the eyes of a Newfoundlanders from gazing so long at the sea.

But it is more than the sum of all these. The Canadian's heritage is the spirit of tolerance, for the Canadian is a man so diverse and complex in his origins that he could not have come this far—could never, indeed, have become a Canadian—if tolerance for the views of other men had not been the beacon lighting his way.

Canadians have a phrase for it. We speak of our unity in diversity, and a fine phrase it is. It spells out that we have learned how to get along with our differences. That was the first lesson we learned, almost a century ago, when the Canadian nation was born.

NO EASY LESSON

It was not an easy lesson. A cynic could argue that we came together as a people less out of love for each other than for fear of what might happen to us if we did not join hands.

Some part of that would be true. There were men who thought of nothing but the dollars to be made by building railroads to tie the pieces of a new country together. There were others who would have let it all go, to cast our lot with the Republic next door. But they were not the men who met at Quebec to hammer out the Resolutions which became the foundation of Confederation. They were not the likes of John A. Macdonald, D'Arcy McGee and Joseph Howe, nor of Georges Cartier. They were not the men from the tiny settlements of the Pacific who led British Columbia into the nation when it was less than five years old. And they were not the Canadian people, no matter what another tongue a man spoke.

The Great Plains filled in. The frontier moved north. The freedoms grew. The responsibilities deepened. A nation emerged.

There were times when it seemed it could not happen, as if the differences between Canadian and Canadian cut too deep. But always when there were dif-

ferences there were men determined to heal them, or at least to find accommodations and leave the final healing to Time. And Time always healed us. So perhaps it could be said, too, that the Canadian's heritage is patience; patience with each other and faith in the healing power of time. Every great leader this nation has known has possessed the art of patience and, with patience, faith. And so, because of patience, we have come a great way in a short time.

HERITAGE OF FREEDOM

The Canadian's heritage is his freedom, and the responsibility to safeguard it. The two are indivisible. It has never been enough for a man to think of his own freedom, or his own concept of what freedom is, and to condemn or disdain another's. It is this estimate of freedom, this tolerance, this recognition of our own unity in diversity, which have made us a free people, perhaps of all men the most free. That is said with pride, but it is also said in humility.

Freedom has never been a man's right to do as he wishes. It is not economic, nor political, nor the right to worship as one sees fit. It is in some degree each. But it is none of them unless the sense of responsibility is there, too—the responsibility to respect and safeguard the rights of every other member of the brotherhood.

Freedom is the rule of law, and what we call the law's due process. It is never the right to use power against the powerless. It cannot exist in a climate of oppression or inquisition.

Never since men won Freedom has the challenge to hope been greater. There is the challenge, first, of those who have already destroyed Freedom in other lands and who would destroy it here. But there is also the challenge of those who say that the only way to keep the light flickering here is to force us to live in the inquisitors' twilight of fear. Freedom cannot live in either twilight or darkness.

NOT A CONSTANT

It is the Canadian's heritage to impart to others that Freedom is not a constant and that it does not necessarily mean the same thing to all men. It is our experience that to be free means respecting and defending the differences, even more strongly than we defend likenesses.

To safeguard the Canadian's heritage he must know, first, what his heritage is, and, knowing, accept the responsibilities with pride and in humility.

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for **READING**

TRAVELING STORY

It was turned down by sixteen or eighteen magazines. Editors just didn't turn it in, one of them would write and say why. One of them, a good one, too, said to forget the whole thing. Then it went to the Yale Review, which took it right away.

—Erskine Caldwell reporting on his favorite short-story "Country Full of Swedes."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"MY ROOR NON, ALL SHE GOT WAS A BUNCH OF CLOTHES!"

From Our Files

Dec. 29, 1893.—The smoker concert and supper in honor of the officers and players of the Victoria Lacrosse Club, given last night by young men of the city, was a most happy affair.

Dec. 29, 1913.—The Times says editorially of the opening tonight of the Royal Victoria Theatre: "The city no longer will suffer the reproach of having everything modern but a modern play-house."

Dec. 29, 1933.—Victorians in holiday mood at the Christmas season spent a lot more money on the flowing bowl this year than last. The day before the holiday over \$25,000 worth was sold.

How to Enjoy a Cold

FOR the past eight days your humble servant has been subsisting on a diet of liquid penicillin, Jap oranges, Vicks cough-drops, Christmas cake, rum toddy, aspirin, turkey hash and fish-house punch. A cold is no fun at this time of year. About all that can be said for it is that it forces you into bed a little earlier than usual where you can lie peacefully back and listen to the distant crunch of Christmas toys, furniture, glassware and automobile fenders.

Also, it enables you to elude TV long enough to indulge that ancient and slightly eccentric hobby, called reading. My death-rattles these past few hours have been punctuated by some amiable guffaws over a book called "Ink On My Fingers," which was published last May and should have been remarked on here before. It was written by a veteran newspaperman named Herbert Cranston, who died a few months before the book was brought out, and who was sometimes called "the William Allen White of Canada."

This was due to a reputation made in his declining years as publisher of weeklies in Midland and Penetanguishene, Ontario. But the most interesting part of his autobiography deals with his 22 years as editor of the Toronto Star Weekly, when he brought along such journalistic luminaries as Ernest Hemingway, Gregory Clark, Gordon Sinclair, the late Jimmy Frise and Frederick Griffin. Cranston helped build the Star Weekly from zero to 250,000 copies. After he left, in 1933, it took on a somewhat different tone, but its circulation continued to climb. The new editor, Harry Hindmarsh, had a penchant for wild animals. Scarcely a week went by without dramatic stories and pictures of snarling leopards, tigers, bears, snakes and other ferocious creatures.

One day, after he left, Cranston met artist Gal O'Leary on the street. He was amazed when the artist told him that the Weekly was about to fold. "Why?" he asked. "Our gorilla got away," said O'Leary, "and Hindmarsh doesn't know what to do next."

Somehow, Mr. Cranston manages to convey the impression that the Toronto Star was a strange and unorthodox place to work. Al-

though I did not arrive there until 1938, five years after Cranston left, it seemed to me a perfectly orderly and normal newspaper office.

The first assignment they gave me, for instance, was to telephone every clergyman in the metropolitan Toronto area and ask him if he would like to have the following Sunday off, to go fishing.

Then I was sent out to the Davenport "Y" to challenge an 84-year-old swimmer to a race, with this difference: I was to swim underwater, wearing a bathing suit with the legend "STAR WEEKLY—TOPS IN COMICS."

Next, I was put with the old master, Sinclair, on a very hazardous story. We had to take three models—a blonde, brunette and red-head—out to a Sunnyside carnival and frighten them with a rattle-snake. An alleged "doctor," hastily recruited from a nearby barber-shop, was to note the girls' reactions on a blood-pressure gauge, from which some startling deductions were made. (All this, note, 15 years before Kinsey!)

Then I joined Tommy Lytle of Vancouver in a three-way telephone interview with a chimpanzee in Chicago, whose owner insisted that he (the chimp) could understand English.

On the strength of these cogent assignments, Mr. Hindmarsh detached me from the Weekly staff and gave me the most interesting newspaper job of my entire career. Mr. Hindmarsh had just been made president of the Oakville Golf Club. He sent me out to recruit memberships in the golf club. "Go call on the banks and investment houses," he instructed. "Sign up the young fellows."

This campaign was backed up by the most relentless publicity drive ever enjoyed by a nine-hole golf course in the history of Canada. We took models out to Oakville (the picture-story was coming into vogue, thanks to a new magazine called Life) and posed them driving, holding the pins, putting, digging in the sand traps, etc. Eight-column banner-lines proclaimed, day after day: "BLONDES LIKE THIS WILL PLAY AT OAKVILLE."

As I recall, I sold about 10 memberships, nine of them to Star staffers who felt Mr. Hindmarsh might grow as fond of golf as he was of wild animals. On the strength of this showing, he gave me a \$250 raise.

I have loved him, and The Star, ever since. It is, or should be, the goal of every red-blooded Canadian boy.

By DR. WALTER C. ALVAREZ

YOUR HEALTH

Doctors Fear Publicity

Dr. Alvarez is Emeritus Consultant in Medicine, Mayo Clinic, and Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Mayo Foundation.

A correspondent writes, "Why have you doctors always been so reluctant to meet the press and to give out information about disease?" Probably the main reason why doctors used to object so strongly to a conferee's breaking into the public print was that through the years there have been men who sought publicity and got it in order to get a practice quickly. They did not want to wait the usual five years or more which a reputable and well-trained doctor usually needs to build up a good practice in a big city.

In order to avoid this sort of publicity-seeking, each medical society set up a board of censors who would call a doctor before them for an explanation every time his name appeared in the public prints. In the old days they might do this even when the case was that of a distinguished physician who had acceded to the reasonable request of the editor of a journal, and had written an article on some medical problem of interest to the public.

Gradually, many leaders in medicine came to see that they would have to change their attitude in this matter. The public was becoming so hungry for information on medicine that they could no longer be denied. If the job of interpreting and reporting medical progress was to be well done, evidently it would have to be done by experts or in collaboration with experts. For a time we doctors avoided reporters and would not talk to them, but gradually we changed our attitude, and gave the asked for information. Many doctors would say, "Don't mention my name." But this didn't work well because reporters insist on quoting names and especially well-known and locally-known names.

Finally, the profession capitulated to the point where every big medical society, at its annual convention, has a press room and a press committee which hands out abstracts of the papers to be given, and helps reporters and correspondents to meet the men they want to interview.

ADVERSE REACTION

But still, at times, there has been some adverse reaction because certain doctors seem to be too often in the public eye. Some of

them have even been called up "on the carpet" to defend themselves. Today, I think, most physicians are coming to see that certain of their brethren, who travel much about the country lecturing, just cannot keep out of the public eye. Especially if they do speak clearly, with simple words and on interesting topics, and especially if they have a gift for saying things in a quotable, witty or humorous way, on arrival in a city, reporters are likely to be down to meet them at the station.

Doctors used to think that the men in the public eye were cashing in unfairly on their publicity and, naturally, they resented that. Actually, the doctor who travels about lecturing before one convention after another cannot have a big practice because he is away from his office so much of the time. Many such a man would make much more money if he stayed home and worked hard seeing patients.

Today, most physicians are glad to see the dissemination of medical information to the public, and they are not too disturbed when they see some of it being done by physicians. All they ask is that the information be as accurate and correct as possible. The only writers who now upset them are those few who praise to the skies some method of treatment which has not yet been proved useful or safe, or those who scare people needlessly, or those who love to be sensational.

PAINFUL AMPUTATION STUMP

One of the most distressing things in this world is a painful amputation stump, with what is called phantom limb pain, or causalgia. Sometimes the trouble is due to a little tumor which has formed on the end of the main big nerve where it was cut during the amputation. Sometimes the removal of this little neuroma may bring a cure. If it doesn't, the patient may become so desperate that he will slip into a morphine habit. Nerve surgeons have hunted for years for some operation that will help these most unucky persons (many of them Veterans) but, so far, without finding any sure cure.

In the February, 1953, number of the American Journal of Physical Medicine there is a note that these so-called neuromas can often be made painless with the help of what is called ultrasonic radiation. A machine is available which throws into the tissues sound-like waves with a frequency of around a million per second. In four out of the five patients treated at the time of the report dramatic relief of the pain was claimed.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS

VICTORIA'S SUNSHINE

RECORD TO DATE, 1953—

1,948.5 HOURS

SYNOPSIS

— More than an inch of snow fell in Revelstoke Monday night but most of the interior was clear. A few showers were reported from the north coast but on the south coast there were only a few clouds. Temperatures were considerably lower than Sunday night and Cranbrook dropped to eight above from Monday's high of 39.

Considerable sunshine is likely on the coast as well as in the interior today. Cloudiness is due to increase tonight and rain is forecast for the Vancouver area by Wednesday evening. Only scattered snowflurries are expected in the interior Wednesday.

DOMINION PUBLIC WEATHER OFFICE 9 A.M. FORECASTS

(Forecasts valid until midnight Wednesday)

VICTORIA—Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with showers Wednesday evening. Low-high 34-45.

WEST COAST—Mostly overcast with intermittent rain tonight and Wednesday.

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ST. BONIFACE, Man. (BUP)—The ruins of a big meat factory still smoldered this morning after flames burned all night.

Officials of the Farmers' Abattoir Co. estimated damage at more than \$150,000, and nearly 200 workers had lost their means of livelihood.

The blaze broke out mysteriously in the meat dressing room of the plant at 5:45 p.m. and burned fiercely for eight hours before being brought under control.

One of the 100 workers in the plant at the time the fire started was slightly injured when the employees stampeded for exits, but no one was trapped by the flames.

All firemen off duty were called to the blazing factory to reinforce active crews, but their efforts to smother the flames were hampered by 10-below-zero weather and a biting 30-mile-an-hour wind.

1,250 NEW HOMES

WINNIPEG (BUP)—West Kildonan council Monday night approved a \$16,000,000 project that will give the Winnipeg suburb 1,250 new homes.

The huge development, to be

completed within 15 years, has been undertaken by Model Homes Ltd., a private concern.

It will be known as Garden City and takes in 420 acres of land, and includes a shopping center, schools, churches, parks and recreation areas.

The houses, will cost \$12,000 each, including public services.

SCOUTS OVERDUE ON HIKE

BANFF, Alta. (BUP)—Forest rangers were alerted today for five scouts and two scoutmasters overdue on a hike, into rough country 20 miles south-east of here.

The RCMP said it was not unduly alarmed at the failure of the seven hikers to show up at a rendezvous point because of unusually heavy snow in the area. Anxiety was mounting, however.

Scout leaders David Knox and James Cooper took the five boys on a hike to Lake Kananaskis on Saturday from the Big Horn ranger station.

The scouts were identified as Earl Rand, Bob Potter, John Williamson, Phil Draper and Mike Simpson, all of Calgary.

It was a 15-mile hike and the scouts were due to meet a car there Sunday. The car arrived at the rendezvous point but had

to leave early when heavy snows began falling.

If the car was not there, the group was to return to the Big Horn station by Monday.

Word from the station Monday night said they had not arrived.

SAFE BLOWN SECOND TIME

LAC DU BONNET, Man. (CP)—Safecrackers blasted the Hudson's Bay Company store safe here Sunday night for the second time in two weeks but escaped with relatively "little money," store officials said Monday.

On the week-end of Dec. 13, the safe was looted of about \$5,000.

A spokesman for the store said there was no certainty as to the amount taken this time. The thieves apparently used nitroglycerine.

CAR CRASH KILLS THREE

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. (CP)—Three members of one family were killed Monday and four others severely injured in a spectacular two-car collision 10 miles east of this southwestern Saskatchewan city.

Killed were Saecheus Kopp, 37, of Richmond, Sask., his wife, Teresa, and two-year-old daughter, Linda Marie. Two Kopp children, Edward, 10, and Bernice, eight, were brought to hospital here. They were listed in fair condition.

Also brought to hospital were Harold Lorne Tilley of Fillmore, Sask., and his wife, Mary. They were reported in critical condition.

UNEMPLOYMENT UP

EDMONTON (CP)—Unemployment in Edmonton increased by almost 1,000 persons last week to reach 8,254, highest level in two years or more.

At the same date last year the jobless total was 5,100 and last winter's peak was 7,716, in the first week of February.

Unemployment insurance officials attributed the situation to completion of a number of large construction projects and to an influx of job-seekers from other points.

Civilian Planes

May Use Pat Bay.

Use of the seaplane base at Patricia Bay by private aircraft will continue to be permitted, according to Rear Admiral J. C. Hibbard, Flag Officer Pacific Coast.

This was reported to City Council Monday by Burgess J. Gadsden, city's representative on the B.C. Aviation Council, who followed up a report that since the navy had taken over from the RCAF, the base would be closed to private aircraft.

At the present time, the base is designated on maps as a custom port of entry for civilian sea planes.

Mr. Gadsden said Admiral Hibbard had assured him no change was contemplated by him, and that he had recommended to Ottawa that no change be made.

Island Digest

DUNCAN—A Christmas

card addressed to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tucker, Duncan, Oklahoma, took a slight detour and arrived instead at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tucker, Duncan, B.C.

The local Mr. Tucker is sending the card on to his American namesake, along with a Chamber of Commerce brochure on Duncan, B.C., and district.

NANAIMO—Funeral services were scheduled here today for Cyril Lawson Piper, 66, pioneer transfer and expressman, who died Saturday.

Born at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, England, he came to Nanaimo 63 years ago and had been in business 41 years.

Surviving besides his widow and one son, Ted, are three brothers, including former alderman P. J. Piper.

DUNCAN—City council

Monday authorized payment of a 5-cent hourly wage increase to civic employees who belong to the city and North Cowichan municipal employees' union. In the case of \$10 to \$15 per month were allowed for employees who do not belong to the union.

ALBERNI—Members of

the Indian community's Rainbow Club staged the Nativity here with Indian words and music.

The cast wore costumes patterned after ancient cedar bark.

Hooliganism Blamed

For Warship Damage

DEVONPORT, Eng. (AP)—Forty-one engine-room gauges have been smashed on the 18,000-ton aircraft carrier Warrior, Royal Naval headquarters reported here Monday night. A spokesman said New Year's leave has been suspended for 80 engine-room sailors while an investigation is carried out. "It was hooliganism, not sabotage," the spokesman declared.

P. GEORGE CORONER DIES

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Last rites were held here for former city coroner Martin William Skinner, 85, a resident of this northern B.C. district since 1917. He was one of the city's first jewelry merchants and opticians.

dress, and gifts to the Child were furs and shells.

LANGFORD—A concert to raise funds for the local boys' football club will be held at the community hall here Wednesday, starting at 8 p.m.

DUNCAN—John Bayden Aitken

51, born in Victoria and resident of Mayne Island for the last 40 years, died Saturday at his home.

He worked as a fisherman. Survivors include his widow, four sons, three sisters and his father.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held here today.

City Churches Add

To Quaker Cargoes

For Needy Kiddies

Twelve hundred pounds of used clothing for needy children in other countries were shipped from here by the Society of Friends (Quakers) and local churches last month.

The bundles went to Korea and another shipment of the same proportion is now awaiting steamer transportation to Korea. An even larger shipment is awaiting transport to Europe.

Mrs. J. M. Vallance, treasurer of the Quaker group, states that any clothing donations will be welcomed, provided there is at least six months wear in them. Clothing may be left at the Friends' Meeting House, 1831 Fern Street.

Barefoot Burglar

Sought in Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—A half-clad footpad who made off with \$79 from a city home, was sought by detectives today. The thief left bare footprints all over the house of Mrs. D. R. Armstrong. One of the prints, on a piece of tissue paper, was classified as "a real clue."

The "SURF & SAND" is Calling

It's holiday time in LAGUNA. Enjoy breeze and deck overhanging the sea, private beach, heated pool, continental breakfast. Every luxury awaits you at this outstanding Apt. Hotel resort. Write "Surf & Sand Hotel," on the cliffs, Laguna Beach, Calif.

FOR NEW YEAR'S GRADE A GEESE

Small, lean, 7 to 8 pounds, cleaned ready for the oven, vacuum packed in Cello bags.

Equivalent to 48¢ per lb. before cleaning. 65¢

CLEANED WEIGHT, PER LB.

A FEW MORE SPECIALS

BEEHIVE HONEY, Red Label, 37¢

No. 1, 2-lb. tin

PEACHES, Brentwood, 2 for 35¢

15-oz. tins

CHOICE PEAS, York, assorted sizes, 2 for 35¢

15-oz. tins

LIBBY'S DEEP BROWN BEANS, 19¢

15-oz. tin

TABLE DATES FROM TUNIS, 29¢

9-oz. oval box

GROCERIES Scott and Peden LTD. DELIVERY SERVICE—FREE PARKING

National Poll Proves New Liberal Strength

Tabulation Shows Conservatives Lose In Proportion as Government Gains

In its first political report since the Aug. 10 federal election, the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion finds slightly more people today who say they would vote Liberal if an election were held now than actually voted Liberal last election day.

This pattern is a normal one. Experience has shown that when a political party wins a striking victory, it seems to gain slight prestige—a prestige which doesn't always stay in the voter's mind.

The question: "If a Dominion election were held today which party's candidate do you think you would favor?"



Fortunately, Hockey Players Don't Get Paid for Their Good Looks

Professional hockey players are paid to score goals and if they succeed at that chore they can make all the faces they want. Some of the action that occurred at Memorial Arena Monday night was a case in point as Vancouver

Canucks whipped Victoria Cougars 3-1. At left, Cougar Ross Lowe (4) and Vancouver's Doug Brown (centre) match pained grimaces as they watch Cougar goalie Ralph Alma's block Brown's shot. In the background are



Cougars Doug Anderson and Colin Kilburn. On the right, Canuck goalie Lorne Worsley gazes back at his nets with a hopeful expression as former New York Ranger Allan Stanley crashes Cougar Doug Macauley to the

ice. To show there are no hard feelings, Stanley flashes his best gap-toothed smile although Macauley's expression is one of utter disgust. (Times photos by Bill Halkett.)

Aussie Tennis Critics Score Cup Selectors

Call for Resignation Following Doubles Defeat

SYDNEY, Australia (UP)—Angry Australian tennis writers today called on their Davis Cup selectors to resign for substituting Rex Hartwig for Ken Rosewall in today's doubles match which the U.S. won to take a 2-to-1 lead for the coveted trophy.

Most of the writers agreed that the doubles triumph assured the U.S. victory. Under a front page headline which read "Selectors Should Get Out," E. E. Christensen wrote in The Sydney Sun: "Many experienced tennis men could not believe the news when announced. Instead of bolstering Rosewall's confidence by sticking to him today, they elected to gamble on (Rex) Hartwig and (Lewis) Hoad, both of whom are right hand court players. Apart from dropping Rosewall, they overlooked Mervyn Rose, one of the world's greatest doubles players and a regular left court player." Christensen then quoted George Ryder, prominent in Australian tennis circles: "Thanks to the selectors' move, we can virtually kiss the cup goodbye."

Unprecedented Press Conference

An hour following the match, the five Australian selectors, headed by Sir Norman Brookes, called a mass press conference which veteran Australian tennis writers said was unprecedented in the nation's long tennis history. Brookes, head of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, revealed that the selectors began considering playing Hartwig instead of Rosewall "a fortnight ago" if Rosewall did not do too well in his singles match on Monday. "We considered all our players and decided Hartwig would be the most likely candidate if we needed to make a change," Brookes said. "We also figured that the doubles would be the most crucial match. We also have been trying various combinations in the event we wanted to save Rosewall for the singles."

Seixas, Trabert Crush Hoad-Hartwig Duo

MELBOURNE (AP)—Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, top American seige guns, crushed Lewis Hoad and Rex Hartwig 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 today to put the United States into a 2-1 lead over Australia in the Davis Cup challenge round. This doubles event was of paramount importance to both countries, and now the U.S. has a decided advantage in that it must win only one of the two remaining singles scheduled for Wednesday. They will pit Trabert against Hoad and Seixas against Ken Rosewall. Captain Harry Hopman and the Australian selection committee gambled and lost by sending Hartwig into the fray instead of Rosewall, the youngster who dropped the second singles match to Trabert Monday. They must have known and regretted their decision almost at the start of the first set. From the beginning, it was apparent that Hoad and Hartwig were not teaming well. Hartwig, new to Davis Cup competition, had a bad case of nerves. In addition, he never teamed with Hoad in a major tournament before, and could not anticipate his partner's moves. Hopman, however, was fearful of Rosewall's admittedly weak service, so he took the gamble and will have to take the blame if the Aussies lose the cup for the first time in four years. Trabert, as usual, was his

IT'S MY VIEW

By BILL WALKER, Sports Editor

The forward-pass may be the greatest offensive weapon in football, but the "foot" ever remains as a constant threat. Especially when the foot belongs to Lou Groza, the magical master of the Cleveland Browns.

Lou is the fellow who has literally divided the field into two halves. Beyond the 50-yard line he is a scoring menace, and in this area Cleveland coach Paul Brown disdains the use of a punt.

He simply calls on Groza on fourth downs for a field goal if the situation demands it. And Lou rarely fails.

This was one of the most noticeable aspects of Sunday's pro grid final between the Browns and Detroit Lions as viewed by hundreds of Victorians and millions of football fans across the continent via TV.

Sure, the Lions won it with a tremendous heave from quarterback Bobby Layne to end Jim Doran, but it was Groza who almost personally kept the Browns in the battle until the Lions exploded the winning play.

A high school star who never played college ball, Groza Sunday scored his 114th point of the season without having tallied one touchdown.

He missed but one conversion attempt this year and disappointed on only three of 29 field-goal attempts including Sunday's game in which he hit for three, one from 43 yards. It may seem odd that Groza never played in a college game, but that is the case. A freshman at Ohio State, he turned pro after a stint in the army, joining the Browns.

For two seasons he was a kicking specialist only, but that was only until he convinced Cleveland coach Paul Brown that he was a tackle of extraordinary merit as well.

An all-star choice for the past three seasons, Lou's longest field goal measured 53 yards.

Nothing Like Having Confidence

They'll tell the story, too, that in a championship game in 1950 with the Browns trailing 28-27, only 20 seconds remaining and Groza prepared to attempt a field goal, that players on the Cleveland bench could be heard congratulating one another on winning the title.

This was even before the ball had been snapped. And Groza, once considered a great basketball prospect, almost as great as his brother, Alex, of Kentucky fame, proved them right.

An example of his tremendous power is that twice on kickoffs in the season's final game against Philadelphia his booming kick hit the uprights 60 yards away on the fly.

The secret of his success: Keep your head down and follow through. On Sunday his kickoff, following a successful field goal, hit the cross bar and bounced into the end zone.

Nanaimo Juniors Edge All-Star City Team

Victoria Junior All-Stars scored a narrow 4-3 victory over Nanaimo Sunday in an inter-city minor hockey game at Memorial Arena.

Johnny Makowski led the Victoria scorers with their first two goals while Metro and Bob Large scored the others, Large picking up the winning tally, unassisted.

Darby, Quido and Wilgress were the Nanaimo scorers with Darby also contributing an assist.

Three inter-city games were scheduled for this afternoon and tonight at Memorial Arena.

At 4, Victoria Pee-wees meet Nanaimo Pee-wees and an hour later Victoria takes on Nanaimo Bantams. Feature of the three-game card is a Victoria-Nanaimo Midget game at 6.

What's happened, he said, breathing deeply, "is that Rocky let the cat out from the bag. Sure, Well's denying it but that's exactly what he's trying to do—sell the IBC on giving him and Rocky a nice payday against a fellow where his title couldn't possibly be in danger. It's the same thing Gene Tunney did when he fought old Tom Heeney.

Cougars Bleed Again In Defeat by Canucks

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But as that is the objective of the game—to beat the other guy—there is little salvation in the fact that the Cougars did try, though obviously in inept fashion at times.

The Vancouver triumph kept the Canucks in a tie for the league lead with Calgary Stampede who edged Seattle Bombers, 3-2, at Calgary. Cougars remained in the cellar, one

point behind the idle Edmonton Flyers.

The Vancouver victory pattern was set early. It was fully 10 minutes before the Cougars had a real scoring chance. In the interim, goalie Ralph Alma stopped at least six good Canucks tries—Larry Popein hitting the post in the first minute—before Fred Brown tipped Harry Dick's blue line drive in, to the net at 8:04.

That stung the Cougars and they replied as best they could against the close-checking Canucks who always seemed one thought ahead of their rivals.

Reg Abbott blew a great chance to knot the count when he shot into Worsley's pads on a clear breakaway from centre ice. It was the Cougars' best chance of the period, although Alex Kuzma did get in close in the waning minutes only to be checked into submission before he could pull the trigger.

The second period was only shortly under way when Wiggy Worsley stepped around a wicked body check aimed at him by Ross Lowe and tapped a weak, iced shot between Alma's legs to give the Canucks a 2-0 lead at 3:37.

Though the Victoria offense was beginning to function by this time—at least until Worsley came into view—the defense suddenly went sour. And it was after a brief game of "you take it, I don't want it" in the Cougar zone, that Chuck McCullough put Billy Dea into the clear and Dea's goalmouth pass

was converted by Lorne Nadeau into the Canucks' third goal at 12:11. Nadeau came close again within 30 seconds as the Canucks threatened to add to their margin, but with the period's close the Canucks seemed content to rest on their laurels.

They went into a reasonable facsimile of a defensive shell and defied the Cougars to get back in the game.

This the Cougars might have done if coach Billy Reay had converted a pass from Doug Anderson when in the clear. But once again Worsley closed the gate as he had done earlier to Abbott on a similar play.

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The Cowbays, assured by the win of holding first place, enjoyed a wide edge in territorial play but Pelletier rose to great heights to keep them at bay over most of the distance.

Archie Scott led Stampede with two goals and Jim McFadden got the other. Herb Jeffrey and Rudy Filion scored for Seattle.

The game marked return to action of Calgary forward Steve Black who has been out of action since October 26 when he suffered a fractured collar bone in a game against Victoria Cougars.

PELLETIER STARS

Brilliant goal tending by Pelletier featured the opening period in which Stampede gained a narrow 1-0 lead. The Seattle custodian rose to great heights to keep Stampede at bay until the 18-minute mark when Scott converted a goalmouth pass from Lundy.

Seconds earlier Lundy had flashed the red light but the effort was nullified by an offside call.

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About Time

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TUESDAY, DEC. 29, 1953

MARKETS SUMMARY

Down Trend Dominates

TORONTO (CP)—All groups were lower in moderate trading toward the close of today's stock market session. Industrials led the downward trend, followed by western oils, golds, uraniums and base metals.

In industrials, motors, textiles, refining oils, manufactures, liquors, papers, and utilities were lower.

Base metals were lower, some being hard hit. Base metals dropped as both seniors and juniors were weaker.

Uraniums were lower, penny and fractional losses slightly exceeding gains.

Western oils were lower. Losses were more numerous than gains and most of them greater. Calgary-Edmonton was among the leaders of the lower tone with a 25-cent loss.

Profit-Taking Hits Wall St.

NEW YORK (AP)—A surge of profit-taking knocked some stocks down around two points today and led to selling throughout the rest of the market.

An exception to the downward trend was the tobacco stocks, which have been hammered down in recent weeks on reports linking smoking with lung cancer. Several cigarette issues were fractionally higher today.

Canadian Pacific led Canadian stocks lower, off 1/2. Dome Mines fell 1/4 and International Nickel and Distillers Seagram each slipped 1/4.

Lake Shore and Giant Yellowknife, Canadian issues on the American stock exchange, both dropped 1/2.

Colliers Slip But Soon Recover

Canadian Colliers Ltd. shares dipped 45 cents on Vancouver stock exchange this forenoon but recovered most of the ground before noon. Noon bid was 6.70, ten cents below the opening quotation. Sales totaling 3,300 shares.

Oils Steadier in Soft Montreal List

MONTREAL (CP)—A softer note prevailed in light trading on the Montreal stock markets today but western oils generally were firm.

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BUSINESS CAPSULE

By E. McLEAN, Times Business Editor

Three More Victorians Gain CGA Designation

Three more Victorians have joined the ranks of Certified General Accountants, having passed the final examination leading to the CGA degree.

Successful in Dominion Board of Certified General Accountants' final examinations, held in November, were:

J. C. Hughes, 2390 Cranmore Road, B.C. government accountant.

Lieut.-Commander V. G. Pin, Royal Canadian Navy, and

M. J. Bradshaw, 3447 Bethune Avenue, Canadian government assessor.

CHRISTMAS WEEK BANK TOTAL UP

Victoria bank clearings soared \$1,712,099 over 1952's record figure during the pre-Christmas week, Victoria Clearing House reports. Total for week ended Thursday, Dec. 24, was \$8,980,562; total for 1952's comparable week, \$7,268,463.

BUSINESS WORLD NEWS POTPOURRI

Philip L. Underwood, manager of Bank of Nova Scotia's Hillside and Douglas branch for the last 1 1/2 years, has retired from banking after 20 years with the Nova Scotia. He will enter private business with headquarters in Victoria.

Financial and commodity markets throughout the United States and Canada will be closed Friday, New Year's Day but the London markets will operate as usual. Briggs Manufacturing Co. stockholders on Monday approved sale of Briggs' seven auto body and aircraft parts plants to Chrysler Corp. for \$35,000,000.

Grain

WINNIPEG (CP)—Prices held to narrow range but generally closed steady in moderately active trade today on the Winnipeg grain exchange. Rye was weak spot, closing lower in all months. Prices for Class Two, IWA and domestic wheat advanced 1/4 of a cent. Oats—Open High Low Close December 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2 May 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2 July 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2 71 1/2

CHICAGO

CHICAGO (AP)—Mixed pattern prevailed in grains on the Board of Trade today. Soybeans showed considerable weakness, suffering from profit-taking after Monday's sharp advance, but recovered some of the loss. Wheat gave the best display in the market's last hour, recovering after losses and substituting gains.

Wheat—Open High Low Close December 157 1/2 157 1/2 157 1/2 157 1/2 May 157 1/2 157 1/2 157 1/2 157 1/2 July 157 1/2 157 1/2 157 1/2 157 1/2

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Government Bonds

Better at Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—Short-term government of Canada were a little better in quiet trading on Montreal bond market today. On the corporate side, trading was slight, with interest continuing at 2 1/2 per cent discount. Silver is in non-convertible higher coupon issues changed at 8 per cent.

Today's U.S. Dollar Quotations

VICTORIA—Banks buying United States cash and cheques at 3 1/2 per cent discount, selling U.S. cheques at 3 1/2 per cent discount. Montreal—United States dollar in non-convertible higher coupon issues changed at 8 per cent.

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ROYAL'S NEW SCREEN FIRST IN WORLD

Victorian's to See Cinemascope Production on New Year's Day

The motion picture industry's latest weapon in the battle for the entertainment dollar will be on view in Victoria for the first time on New Year's Day.

The Royal Theatre will then present for the first time on Vancouver Island, the result of a \$250,000 gamble, in which Twentieth Century Fox bet its entire resources that cinema-scope is the answer to three-dimensional films.

Sometimes described as "3-D without colored glasses," cinema-scope uses a wide, curved screen, plus an unusual handling of loudspeakers to produce "stereophonic" sound.

The installation is both complex and costly. Royal Theatre is investing upwards of \$40,000 on the equipment to present

FIRST IN WORLD

The Royal is the first theatre in the world to install movable cinema-scope equipment. A special welded aluminum frame has been built, so the screen can be hoisted into the fly gallery, and the three main speakers behind the screen are each self-contained and can be rolled to one side on wheels.

A special team of Famous Players cinema-scope technicians from Vancouver has been working here for the past month.

SPEAKERS SPACED

The three on-stage speakers are spaced across the screen, and each speaker is divided into three sections, one curving slightly left, one pointing straight ahead, one curving slightly right.

They are controlled strictly from the film, and cannot be turned off or on manually. As action develops on the screen, the speakers automatically follow it; if an actor begins a speech at the left side of the screen, and then walks across the screen, his voice moves with him, exactly as it would in real life.

Ten additional speakers are installed at various points around the walls of the auditorium itself, and are used to bring the audience "in" the action.

GIVES REALITY

The mixing of sound from speaker to speaker, plus the wide, curved screen, is said to provide a sense of reality never before felt by motion picture audiences.

So far, wherever "The Robe" has been shown, it has played, to packed houses. In New York City, it grossed \$750,000 in the first week, with continuous full houses from 6 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Theatre operators hope it is the answer to the industry's ailments. Victoria audiences will give their verdict commencing New Year's Day.

Conciliation Award Shakes Hospitals' Economy Policy

Health and Welfare Minister Eric Martin's "hold the line" order for 1954 B.C. hospital budgets is facing a severe test.

Shorter hours, higher wages, and a pension plan have been unanimously recommended by a conciliation board for four Okanagan Valley hospitals.

Acceptance of the award by the institutions will make it virtually impossible for them to operate next year on the same-sized budget as this year.

Mr. Martin announced at the September session hospitals will be required to operate in 1954 on the same amount of money as 1953 and 1952.

The board recommended a 40-hour week for the hospital employees, instead of the existing 44 hours, and a five-day week with two consecutive days off, with no cut in take-home pay.

An increase of 5 cents an hour for all female workers and 7 cents for males also was recommended.

The award already has been accepted by Hospital Employees' Federal Union (TLC).

Frost Nips Lowlands in Victoria District

Low-lying areas were nipped by ground frost overnight, weatherman William Mackie said today.

Minimum temperature overnight at Gonzales Observatory was 38 degrees, but the minimum at ground level was 32 degrees. Both would be correspondingly lower in sheltered locations, he said.

Temperatures tonight and Wednesday will range between 38 and 45 degrees, he said.

FUN

WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

Mrs. Green is a keen shopper; unlike her sister Mrs. Brown, she generally avoids monetary complications. But last week she had a really bad day: she arrived back home with only \$3.24 in her bag, and just could not remember how much she had spent. Even the nice strong cup of tea, which her husband brought in from the kitchen, didn't help very much. "It's so silly," she told him, "I only went into three stores, and didn't spend money anywhere else." "Forget it, dear," he advised, "what does it matter anyway?" But she was determined to account for every cent. She told him that half the money in her bag had been spent in the first store; one third of what remained, in the second; in the third store she had paid out a quarter of what she then had left; and, after that she had come straight home. Poor Mr. Green, tired as he was, after a particularly trying day in the office getting out last minute shipments for the Christmas rush, he had to figure it out for his wife. How much did she spend altogether?

Saturday's answer: Mike's car was No. 2305.

BETWEEN TIMES

By MONTE ROBERTS

Just about everyone I know seems to be going around deciding which New Year's resolutions to resolve this year, so I guess I had better get in the act, too.

Actually, I don't need to. I have quite a supply of New Year's resolutions left over from previous years, and hardly any of them have been used at all.

But I hesitate to go against the custom of the land, so I have developed a few fool-proof resolutions, which I will not be able to not keep.

In the first place, I am going to resolve to stop beating my wife.

Perhaps that resolution should be phrased, I resolve to stop TRYING to beat my wife.

I may as well. She invariably gets better cards than I do. So I will try not to get skunked too often.

I firmly resolve to quit drinking.

I absolutely, irrevocably, and without a doubt, will never touch another drop of castor oil as long as I live.

If I live that long.

I solemnly resolve to stop climbing Mount Everest.

I realize this insidious habit can lead to ever greater excesses, and might end heaven knows where.

Also, I realize you can't stop climbing Mount Everest by tapering off, and only climbing little mountains, like Gonzales Heights.

Therefore, I resolve not to climb anything, including a flight of stairs if there is an elevator handy.

If there is no elevator, I will lie on my back and whimper until somebody carries me up.

I also resolve not to vote Social Credit in the next by-election.

I make this courageous resolution despite the fact Mr. Keate may fire me for insubordination.

I also resolve to save money this year. In January, I will save \$300 by not buying a \$300 TV set.

In February, I will save even more, by not buying a more expensive set. I will repeat this every month, until I have worked up to saving \$1,000 by not buying a \$1,000 TV set.

As a final resolution, I resolve, if I am still writing Between Times next Dec. 29, to write a better Between Times next Dec. 29.

This should be an easy resolution to keep.

It would be hard to write a worse one.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

Two city youngsters carried their handicrafts a step too far and ended up in Jubilee emergency ward Monday. Barry Gelling, 14, 2090 Kings, was cutting wood for his Dad when the axe slipped. He has seven stitches and a cast on his left hand today.

Robert Smith, 11, 2428 Oregon, was working on a balsa wood airplane model when the razor blade he was playing nearly severed a finger, but six stitches later he was back in production.

Mrs. J. H. Spencer, 611 Monterey, has joined the ranks of holders of perfect cribbage hands. She got the 27 score against her crib-loving husband, who plays at the drop of a card. She plays only occasionally. Her hand contained three fives and the jack of spades. Five of spades was turned on the cut.

How time flies was described to city police by Douglas Hotel clerk Alfred O. Fisher today.

He said a guest who checked out to go to Vancouver at 6 p.m. Monday asked to use the clerks' cloakroom to perform a last-minute change of shirts. Later, Fisher found his gold watch and chain had changed hands.

Touring Esquimalt, James Bay and View Royal, a group of carol singers ranging in age from 9 to 15 raised \$43 for Uncle Ed's Christmas party at the Solumium. The singing was directed by Mrs. E. Lyman Harrison, transportation being provided by Ed and Harry Leggett.

Proof that Greater Victoria residents are watching for the hit-and-run killer of two-year-old Brigid Hoban, was evident in a call received by city police Monday.

A Dallas Road resident called police when she saw a neighbor working industriously in his garage on what appeared to be a dented fender.

Two officers who speeded to the garage found a man crouched in front of his car, working furiously on the engine out of a boat.

Mal-Gen, G. R. Pearkes, V.C. MP for Esquimalt-Saanich, and James George, former federal candidate in Victoria, will be guest speakers at the annual meeting January 6 at 8 p.m. of the Victoria Federal Progressive Conservative Association.

The meeting will be held in the large hall of the Williams Building, Broughton Street. Members of the Esquimalt-Saanich association are being invited.

Evan Hughes Hanbury, 2743 Graham Street, was fined \$250 by Magistrate H. C. Hall today in city court after he pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving.

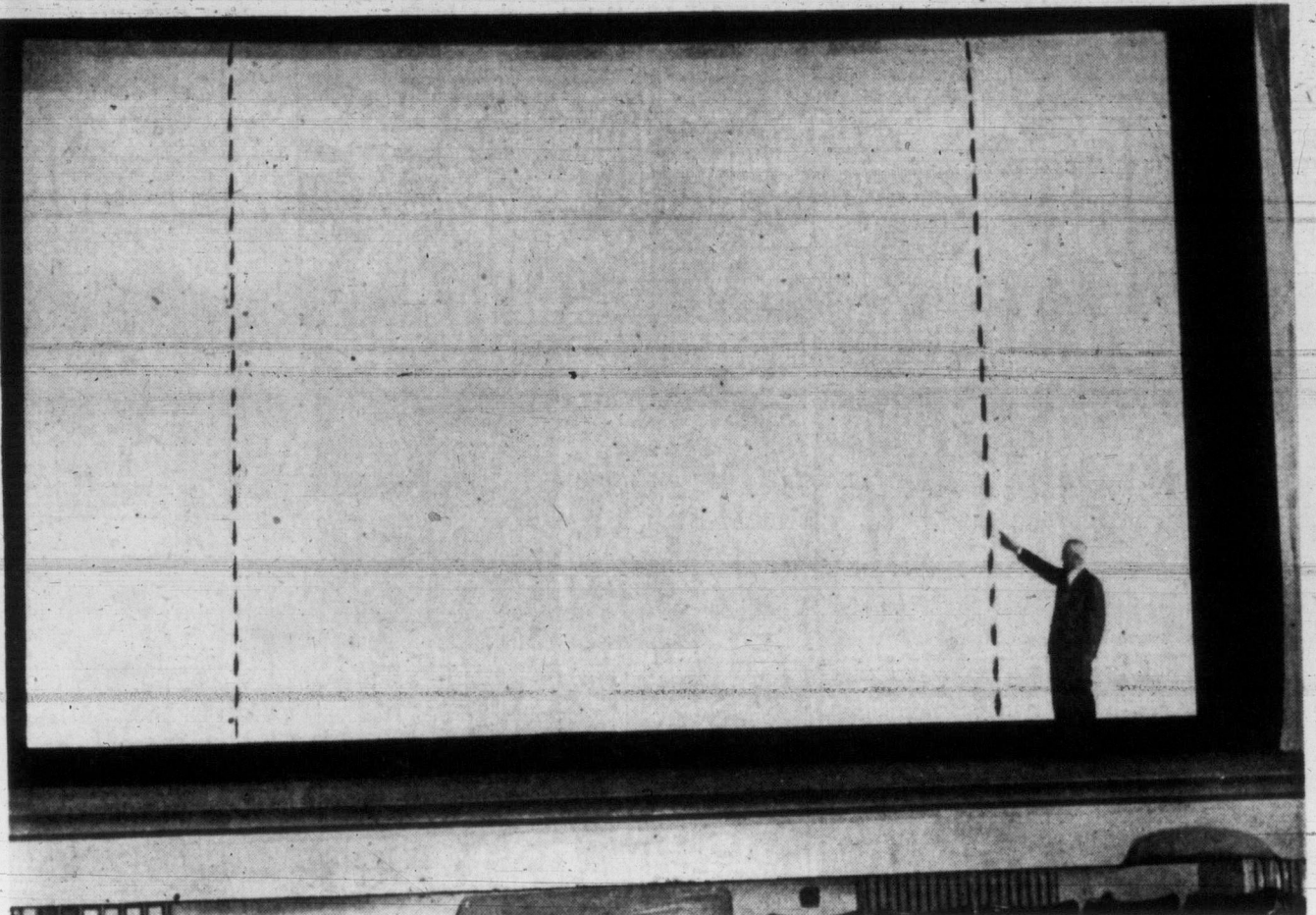
The Kiwanis Club of Victoria will meet at the Monterey Century Room tonight at 6:15. Final meeting of the 1953 Board of Directors will be held following supper.

Two charges brought a total of \$40 in fines for Ian P. Hjersey, 18, 3112 Glasgow, in city police court today.

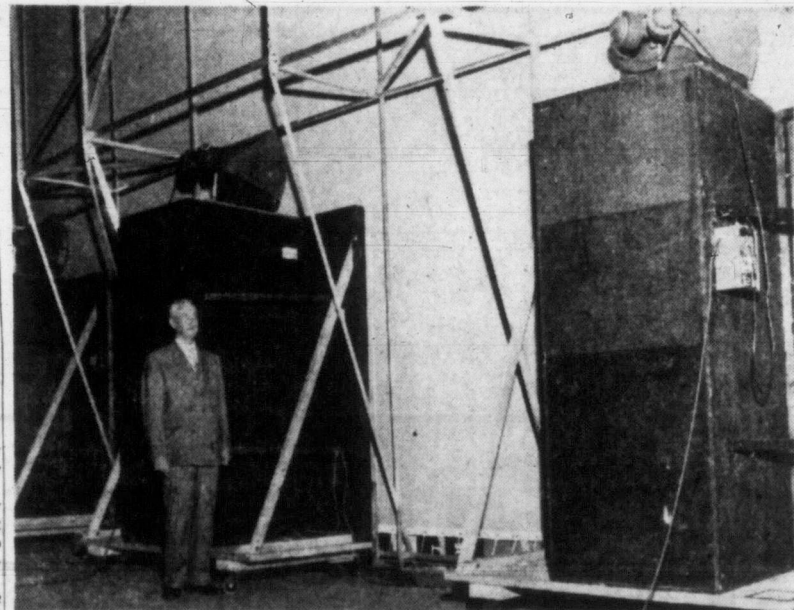
For driving as a minor without liability insurance, he paid \$25. For having beer in his possession while under age, he paid \$15.

Prowlers broke a window at Victoria Bed and Mattress overnight in an attempt to gain entry.

Police said today that the would-be thieves didn't get in. It is the second time in three weeks that the firm has been target of unsuccessful thieves.



Extra wide, curved screen for showing of new cinema-scope motion pictures will be used for first time on Vancouver Island New Year's Day at the Royal Theatre here. Screen is full width of the stage, curves slightly out towards the audience at left and right, to give depth to the image without use of colored glasses. Manager Cliff Denham shows size of screen, contrasting to standard size as shown by the dotted lines. Presentation starting Friday is the first cinema-scope film ever to be produced, Lloyd C. Douglas' best-seller "The Robe."



Sound magic behind cinema-scope realism to the picture. Manager Denham stands beside the portable speakers, so placed that actors' voices move as the actors move, give intense realism to the picture. Manager Denham stands beside the portable speakers, first of their kind to be installed in any house in the world.

Prominent Island Farmer, C. E. Whitney-Griffiths Dies

One of British Columbia's best-known farmers and turkey growers, died in Vancouver Monday.

He was Charles E. Whitney-Griffiths of Parry Lodge, Metochin, who assisted in organizing the Farmers' Institute of British Columbia, and helped develop Vancouver Island's turkey industry, which today is valued at nearly \$1,000,000. He was 68.

Born in Wales, Mr. Whitney-Griffiths came to Canada at an early age. He was a life member of the Vancouver Island Turkey Improvement Association which he helped to organize. He was also a life member of the Masonic Lodge, and a director of Montreal Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Whitney-Griffiths for some years took an active interest in politics and was a Liberal candidate for the Esquimalt electoral district in the 1930's.

He is survived by his wife, a brother, William, also of Metochin; two nephews and a niece.

Funeral services will be held at Hayward's Chapel on Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Rev. H. M. Bolton will officiate.

Two broken legs and back injuries were suffered by a construction worker at HMC Dockyard Monday at 3 p.m. when he fell 22 feet from a scaffold and landed on his feet.

Freeman Sauf, 45, 3883 Douglas, is in "fair" condition at St. Joseph's Hospital today.

MAGISTRATE WON'T HEAR HARVEY CASE

Magistrate H. C. Hall said in city police court today he did not want to try a lawyer on a charge of impaired driving because he knew him as a law student and at school.

Charged with impaired driving is lawyer Robert D. Harvey, QC, who did not appear. Court was told he is in hospital.

The magistrate adjourned the case to January 6.

Magistrate A. I. Thomas will hear evidence.

2 Men, 1 Woman Hurled to Street When Cars Collide

Two men and a woman were hurled through the driver's door of a car in collision at Kings and Blackwood Monday.

All three, riding in the front seat, landed heavily on the road. Mrs. V. Jones, 439 Cook, received a fractured shoulder; her husband, Leslie, arm bruises. But the driver, E. R. Jackson, Comox, at the bottom of the heap, was unhurt.

The Jackson car collided with a machine driven by Donald Davidson, 2233 Victor, who was not injured.

Damage was moderate.

DEPARTMENT STORE REMEDIES SANTA'S BLUNDERS

Swap-Shopper Service Draws Crowds to 'Bay'

BY TONY DICKASON
Santa, though a well-intentioned old duffer, often makes mistakes.

Like giving Palm Beach sandals to a logger, or a garish tie to your clergyman.

The Hudson's Bay Company here is helping the exhausted old gentleman straighten out the post-Christmas gift muddles.

The idea is this: No matter where you got it or what it is, the HBC will exchange the gift.

This is the first time in Victoria, and perhaps in Canada,

a company has undertaken to do this.

It works this way: Say you received a camera, but you don't want a camera, you want shoes. You take the camera, no matter where it was purchased, to the HBC camera department. They give you a certificate to the value of the camera. Then you take the certificate to the shoe department and get your booties. If the camera costs more than the shoes, the department refunds the difference. If less, you pay the variance.

In other words, there is no fuss.

People, according to store spokesmen, sometimes have a natural hesitancy to exchange gifts. This method is said to eliminate embarrassment.

After a cautious start by customers Monday morning the store later was jammed. There were three times more people in the store than usual this time of year. Exchanges were so brisk employees from the credit office, the manager's office and elsewhere pitched in to help.

So heavy was the boom that the store ran out of gift certificates and more had to be flown in from Vancouver.

The exchanges? Many and varied. One man brought in a grass skirt purchased in Honolulu. Another exchanged ski boots. A honeymoon couple who had been looking over HBC luggage before Christmas came back to the luggage department and exchanged luggage purchased elsewhere.

The HBC exchange plan is a boon to persons who want to exchange gifts but don't know what store the gift came from in the first place.

Of course, for sanitary reasons, there are some items which can't be exchanged. Broken toothpick packages, for example.

Driver Held Culpable In October 24 Death Of Salt Spring Woman

Inquest Jury Hears Injured Tell Story of Pat Bay Highway Crash

A verdict of culpable neglect was rendered by a coroner's jury today against Charles Watson Reed, 35, of 1018 Pandora Avenue, driver of a car involved in a Patricia Bay Highway accident last October 24, in which a woman was killed.

Killed was Mrs. Eileen Kreb of Salt Spring Island.

Five other persons went to hospital suffering from injuries received in the accident.

They were William Kello Wilson, 1223 Princess Avenue, driver of the car in which Mrs. Kreb was a passenger; Bernard L. Kreb, husband of the deceased, and Geraldine Kreb, her daughter.

Mr. Reed, driver of the other car, also was injured, and his wife, Marion, still is in hospital with complicated injuries.

CARS TOTAL LOSS

The accident occurred in front of the Dominion Experimental Farm at about 5 p.m. Wilson's car collided with the car driven by Reed. The two cars were wrecked beyond repair.

Still unable to walk without assistance, Wilson told the coroner's jury at Hayward's Funeral Parlor what he remembered of the accident. He said he was proceeding towards Victoria when he noticed a jeep approaching him.

"Suddenly, a car pulled out from behind the jeep," he said. "I don't remember anything after that."

Reed, driver of the second car, testified he was proceeding towards Swartz Bay when he caught up with a jeep.

"I decided I would pass him," he said. "I speeded up to go around and then I looked ahead and saw another car coming. I applied my brakes; my car skidded, and I tried to get as close to the jeep as possible in order to make room for the other car. I don't remember anything after that."

A. J. Ford, driver of the jeep, who was also proceeding towards Swartz Bay, said something hit the rear of his car, just as the Wilson car passed him. "I looked behind and I heard the crash and saw the two cars."

He said when he ran to the scene, he found Mrs. Reed bleeding badly from the mouth and Reed in a daze, with his scalp split open. In Wilson's car he saw Mrs. Kreb slumped forward in the rear seat. Geraldine Kreb was lying in a ditch.

Reed said he was going about 40 miles an hour when he tried to pass Ford's jeep.

Fight Continues On Road Route In Subdivision

City realtor C. N. Montague is continuing his battle with the city over the method of subdividing property in Fairfield known as Warren Gardens.

Mr. Montague and the city are principal owners of the undeveloped property and both want a road through. They cannot agree, however, on where the road should go.

The city's public works committee favors a U-shaped road, starting and ending on Richardson Street. Mr. Montague is campaigning for a straight road, running from St. Charles to Richmond.

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Fight Continues On Road Route In Subdivision

City realtor C. N. Montague is continuing his battle with the city over the method of subdividing property in Fairfield known as Warren Gardens.

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Royal Oak Burial Park Extension Deal Dropped

Board of cemetery trustees of Greater Victoria has reversed its decision to purchase farm land adjoining Royal Oak Burial Park to permit expansion.

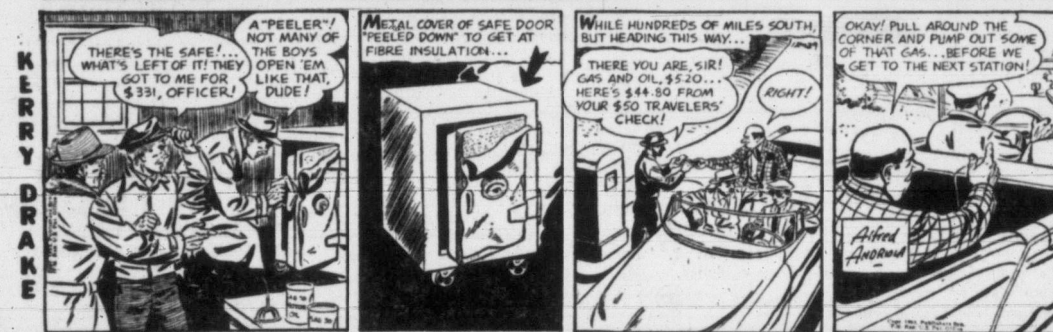
The 4.47 acres of farm land, owned by George Rudd, was offered the cemetery board for \$2,000. Earlier this month the board applied and obtained permission of City Council to go ahead with the purchase.

Council was advised by the board Monday, however, that the land was not as suitable as it was earlier believed, and that the board had decided against the purchase.

ASK The TIMES

Q.—Only a native of the U.S. can become president of the U.S. Have we, in Canada, a law requiring our prime minister be a native Canadian? And have any of our prime ministers been born in any other country?—P. L.

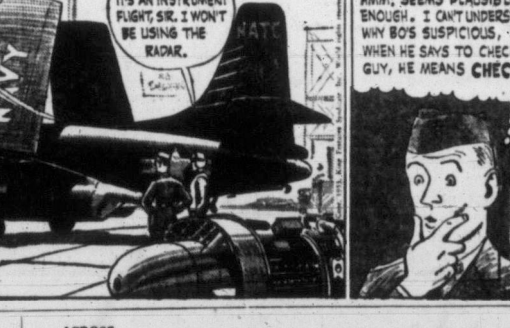
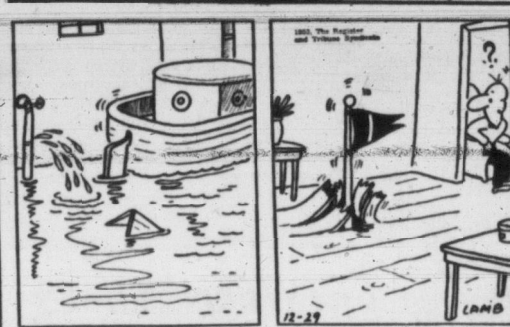
A.—Only three who were P.M. were born outside Canada—Macdonald, Mackenzie and Bowell. The clerk of the House of Commons informs the Times: "To my knowledge, there is no 'law or custom' in regard to the choosing of 'native Canadians' as leaders of political parties. M. J. Coldwell, present CCF leader in the Commons, born at Seaton, Devon, Eng., came to Canada in 1910; Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, born at Waltham, Mass., came to Canada in 1908 and was nominated for the Liberal leadership in August, 1948; Robert Forke, born in Scotland, was leader of the Progressive Party in 1921, at which time his group was the second largest in the Commons."



OUT OUR WAY



BOARDING HOUSE



FROM KOREA

Only Question of Time Before Canucks Come Home

OTTAWA (CP) — Every day the Korean armistice continues brings Canadian forces there that much closer to home, officials here said Monday.

They said the United States has set a precedent for other United Nations members which may want to withdraw troops from Korea.

Canada has no immediate plan to withdraw its army brigade and three destroyers from the Korean theatre, but these sources said it is only a question of time until they are brought home, providing the truce can be maintained.

They predicted that withdrawal of two U.S. divisions from Korea, announced by President Eisenhower Saturday, will result in public pressure on the governments of other participating nations to bring their troops home.

As the armistice in Korea continues, this pressure will get stronger. And Canada has never intended to leave its forces there indefinitely.

Meanwhile, officials take neither a too gloomy nor too optimistic view of chances for a Korean political conference. The fact remains there is an armistice which has lasted five months.

There should be no major change in the present Korean situation until the end of next month.

It appears that then the 22,000 unrepatriated prisoners-of-war will be released, according to the armistice agreement, January 22.

Youngster Revived After Drinking Bout

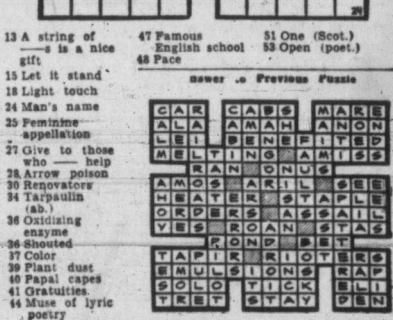
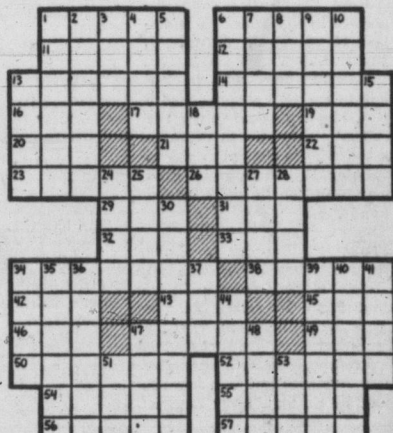
STEVESTON (CP) — A 10-year-old Steveston boy drank a large hole in his father's Christmas liquor supply on Christmas Eve. RCMP said the youngster lost consciousness after drinking eight ounces of whiskey and "an undetermined amount of homemade red wine." A doctor and inhalator squad revived the boy whose name was not disclosed. He spent a quiet Christmas.

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Colwood Club to Welcome 1954

A gala celebration is planned for those who attend the Colwood Golf Club dinner dance on New Year's Eve.

Among those who have made reservations are: Mr. and Mrs. W. Yardley, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bayliss, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. John, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Acres, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. R. Stelck, Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Carey and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hendry.

Attending in another party will be Mr. and Mrs. Vic Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norworthy, Mr. George Andrews, Miss Marion Kennedy, Mr. Roy O'Neil, Miss Joyce Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Kerr, Mr. Ted Brooks, Mrs. Beth Smith, Mr. Paddy Lanigan, Mrs. C. MacDonald, Mr. Pat Frith, Miss Betty Chambers, Mr. Art Luck, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Slade, Miss E. Lanigan and Mr. Roy Eldridge.

Also attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Strang, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skillings, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hinks and Mr. and Mrs. George Davies will be in another party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cross will attend the dance with Mr. and Mrs. L. Bradley.

Going with Mr. and Mrs. R. Dunnett will be Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heal.

Attend Hobbs-Mawer Wedding

Out-of-town guests attending the Hobbs-Mawer wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. Custock, Mr. and Mrs. D. Butler, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. R. Reid, Mr. L. Gorderhan, Mr. T. Wickham, Miss M. Gillard, from Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ball, Mrs. A. Sturam, Mrs. E. Hindmarsh, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Bell, from Nanaimo; Miss D. Vallister and Miss T. Bidulka, from Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. W. Erickson, from Bellingham, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, Kamloops.

A Holiday in Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Scurrah are leaving Victoria by air on Wednesday for Seattle, from where they will travel by Northwest Airlines to Hawaii for a winter holiday in the sunny isles. While they are away their home on King George Terrace will be occupied by a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jennings.

Chapter Entertaining

The home of Mrs. E. B. Smith, 2525 Lansdowne Road, social sponsor of Zeta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi was a delightful setting for a holiday party recently when the chapter entertained members and guests. A buffet dinner was served from a table centred with a mirrored Yuletide decoration, flanked by tall candles. The rooms were gay with arrangements of chrysanthemums and holiday motifs. A lighted tree in the picture window and one on the lawn with other lighted window decorations, completed the theme. During the evening carols were sung and gifts exchanged. Those present were Mrs. Maude Smith, Mrs. Nellie Tullis, Mrs. Isabella Helander, Mrs. Lilian Jones, Mrs. Marjorie Aldersmith, Mrs. Miriam Armstrong, Mrs. Dorothy Ballantyne, Mrs. June Bailey, Mrs. Beryl Dann, Mrs. Maxine Dennis, Mrs. Catherine Garrett, Mrs. La Prile Harding, Mrs. Ruby Masters, Mrs. Sally MacKenzie, Mrs. Peggy Onischuk, Mrs. Ada Porteous, Mrs. Kelso Reed, Mrs. Gladys Smith, Mrs. Eva Steadfield, Mrs. Dorothy Schlatter, Mrs. Pat Todd, Mrs. Mamie Wallace, Misses Clare Clendenning, Kathleen Corker, Frances Drake, Iola Gordon, Cecily Goss, Elma Keeler, Kaye Knights, Norma Pite, Lorna Telfer, Elizabeth Welch and May Wootton and Helen McKee.

Mrs. Lilian Jones was hostess recently at her home on Kisher Avenue, when those present were members of Zeta Chapter. Invited guests were Mrs. Maude Smith, Mrs. Nellie Tullis, Mrs. Marjorie Aldersmith, Mrs. Miriam Armstrong, Mrs. Dorothy Ballantyne, Mrs. June Bailey, Mrs. Marguerite Conconi, Mrs. Beryl Dann, Mrs. Maxine Dennis, Mrs. Catherine Garrett, Mrs. La Prile Harding, Mrs. Muriel Long, Mrs. Dorita Grant, Mrs. Ruby Masters, Mrs. Sally MacKenzie, Mrs. Peggy Onischuk, Mrs. Ada Porteous, Mrs. Kelso Reed, Mrs. Gladys Smith, Mrs. Eva Steadfield, Mrs. Dorothy Schlatter, Mrs. Pat Todd, Mrs. Mamie Wallace, Misses Clare Clendenning, Kathleen Corker, Frances Drake, Iola Gordon, Cecily Goss, Elma Keeler, Kaye Knights, Norma Pite, Lorna Telfer, Elizabeth Welch and May Wootton.

Installation Ceremonies In Purple Star Lodge

At a recent meeting of Victoria Purple Star Lodge, No. 104, L.O.B.A., the immediate past grand mistress of British Columbia, Mrs. F. Noel, conducted installation ceremonies. Grand Lodge members assisting her were Mrs. E. Hume and Mrs. H. Hunter with acting officers Mrs. M. Buckley, Mrs. E. Doane, Mrs. V. Ellwood and Mrs. R. DuPlaine.

Officers installed were Mrs. M. Greb, worthy mistress; Mrs. M. Waddell, deputy mistress; Miss B. Noel, junior deputy; Mrs. B. Stanfield, recording secretary; Mrs. G. Davies, financial secretary; Mrs. J. Johnston, treasurer; Mrs. L. Green, chaplain; Mrs. O. McKay, guardian; Mrs. L. Lucas, director of ceremonies; Mrs. M. Haldane, first lecturer; Mrs. C. Dibble, second lecturer; Mrs. F. Creswell, pianist; Mrs. Kay Barnes, inner guard; Mrs. W. Blevins, outer; Mrs. E. Bon-

Craigflower Women's Institute, Christmas party, for members and children, Wednesday.

SHOPPING GUIDE

A New Year's Eve Party? You'll Need Noisemakers!

By PENNY SAVER

One deep breath and we're off again... planning that next gala celebration, which is, of course, New Year's Eve! If you're throwing a party, you'll need lots of trimmings. No need to pay a fortune for them. Just look around and you'll find everything needed, at low prices!

More than anything else, you'll need noisemakers so your guests can welcome 1954 in full style.

There are any number of various kinds available. Why not get them assorted and let everyone take their pick?

Some will prefer the balloon whistles... you know the kind I mean... a pipe with a balloon on one end. When you blow you fill the balloon, then you take the pipe from your mouth. As the balloon deflates, it makes the whistle! In three lengths, the whistles sell at 5 cents, 10 cents and 15 cents each.

Gaily-colored plastic bugles, saxophones and trumpets are 15 cents apiece, and what a racket they make! These may prove to be a favorite with your guests, for they can keep them as souvenirs or give them to their kiddies. They are also durable toys.

Horns made of cardboard with wooden mouthpieces are covered in bright paper and make a deafening wail. These won't last like the above-mentioned plastic ones... but they're 5 cents cheaper... 10 cents each.

Of course you'll need lots of balloons! I think the best buy I've seen in balloons is a packet of 10 different shapes in various colors which sells at 25 cents. You get them round, oblong, snake-style, and in other popular shapes.

Hats are another "must" on our list of needs for New Year's. Fancy silver and gold ones come in squat and pointed shapes and sell at 10 cents apiece.

Lots of stores are putting packets of confetti on their shelves for New Year's Eve. Buy it or not, depending upon whether you're doing the cleaning up, next day, at 10 cents a package.

AT OAK BAY

Golf Club En Fete on New Year Eve

Many well-known Victorians will see the New Year in at the clubhouse at Victoria Golf Club, where plans have been made for dancing, noisemaking and a midnight supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Harvey will be in a party with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bais, Mr. and Mrs. W. Usher, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. E. Boyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin P. Rutherford's party will include Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Gosley, Mrs. Joyce Stewart and Dr. George Thompson.

Another group will include Major and Mrs. R. S. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm G. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Blunt and Dr. and Mrs. George B. Bigelow.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Pidgeon will be with Group Capt. and Mrs. Mark Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Colin D. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckle.

Also in a party will be Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell, Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Holmes, Mr. Don Campbell, Col. and Mrs. B. Russell Ker, Capt. and Mrs. D. L. Raymond and Mr. and Mrs. W. Munro.

Included in a group will be Mr. Philip Redford, Miss Joyce Roome, Mr. Ken Hill, Miss Nadine Bernard, Mr. Einar Brynjolfsson, Miss Lenora Foster, Mr. and Mrs. G. Raven, Mr. Duncan Tolson, and Mr. Hugh Johnston.

Among others attending at Victoria Golf Club will be Mr. and Mrs. W. H. M. Haldane, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Markham, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Wilby, Mr. John Shipley, Mr. Bob Shipley, Mr. Hugh Barton.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding of Helen E. Price to Percy J. Bandy last evening, were Mr. Edmund Heier, Regina, Sask.; Miss Mary Yurick, New Westminster, and Miss Helen McLellan, Vernon.

of interest to Women

Editor

Elizabeth Forbes



Received Names on Sunday

Kim Claudia were names given the four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. D. Powell of Vancouver when she was christened last Sunday afternoon by Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn in St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay. The baby, granddaughter of Commodore and Mrs. V. S. Godfrey, Victoria, and of Mrs. C. A. Powell, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, Eng., wore a christening dress of fine embroidered muslin. Godparents are Miss Janet Denniston, Mrs. Charles C. Crossfield, Washington, D.C., and Mr. Edward Bayley, Port Alberni. Following the ceremony, Commodore and Mrs. Godfrey entertained the family and a few close friends at tea in their Terrace Avenue home. Among those present was the small principal's aunt, Miss Heather Powell, who came from Vancouver for the ceremony.

Mrs. Diana Arsens will come from Seattle to spend the New Year weekend with her parents here.

Miss Lois Clark is a visitor in the city from Edmonton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Champion, Cedar Hill Road.

Candlelit Background for Wedding Of Marguerite Mawer, Ted Hobbs

Tall baskets of gold and white chrysanthemums amid Yuletide decorations of holly and softly glowing candles decorated Victoria West United Church last evening for the marriage of Marguerite Winona Mawer and Edwin Eric Hobbs. Guest pews were marked with tiny chrysanthemums and ivy trailers.

Rev. S. V. Redman officiated at the double-ring ceremony which united the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mawer, 314 Clifton Terrace, and the son of Mr. Roy Hobbs, 2564 Maynard Street.

Traditional music was played by Miss Ann Van de Voort, and during signing of the register the junior church choir, of which the bride was a former leader, sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

The lovely dark-haired bride made a charming picture as she

entered the church on the arm of her father. Her gown of ivory brocade satin was styled with fitted bodice and full circular skirt swirling into a graceful train. The Mary Queen of Scots neckline and waist were edged in tiny seed pearls. Her fingertip veil of French illusion net was held in place by a coronet of pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of red Talsman roses and white feathered chrysanthemums.

Mrs. John Mawer, matron of honor, wore a dawn pink strapless gown of net over taffeta, with lace inserts and matching lace bolero. Mrs. John Campbell, Vancouver, bridesmatron, and Miss Joan Creighton, bridesmaid, wore identical floor-length gowns of Nile green Coronation taffeta. The trio wore Juliet caps and matching mitts. They carried colonial bouquets of chrysanthemums and carnations en tone.

Lynne Politano was a petite flower girl, wearing a floor-length dress of primrose yellow taffeta, Juliet cap and carrying a miniature colonial bouquet.

Tom Wickham, Vancouver, was best man, and ushers were Allan Harwood, Jerome Smith and John Mawer.

Reception was held in the

Flamingo Room of the Crystal Garden where Mrs. Mawer, wearing a gown of Copenhagen blue crepe with nylon lace yoke and sleeves, and corsage of golden Johanna Hill roses, and Mrs. E. J. Harwood, aunt of the groom, wearing a two-piece gown of beige crepe with brown accessories, and corsage of rapture rosebuds, assisted the young couple in receiving their guests. Grandmother of the groom, Mrs. E. W. Carter, wore black and a corsage of gardenias.

Centring the bride's table was a four-tier wedding cake from which streamers led to four miniature cakes. Encircling the cake was tulle flanked by silver candelabra. H. S. Hurn proposed the toast to the bride. Mrs. Mary Youson sang "Through the Years" and W. Pashley entertained with piano selections.

For traveling on honeymoon Mrs. Hobbs chose a winter white two-piece woolen dress trimmed with angora, with which she wore an aqua coat, winter white accessories and corsage of tiny red roses and gardenias.

After a motor trip east the couple will return to Vancouver where the groom will continue his studies in his final year at the University of British Columbia.

AS WE LIVE

Stepfather May Resent Another Man's Child

By ELIZABETH B. HURLOCK, PhD

When a man hates his stepdaughter and makes her life wretched, he is spoiling his marriage and making everyone unhappy. What his wife should do under such conditions is the advice sought by the woman who writes:

(Q)—"I was divorced when my daughter was two years old. I was granted full custody of her. I worked to support her and we were very happy. Then I remarried. My daughter is now nearly eight, and this is my problem:

"My husband seems to hate the child. He is somewhat of a bully and makes things very hard for her. She annoys him by just being in the house. After six months of marriage, he suggested that I go back to work. Now I buy everything for her and he can never feel that she is a burden. His mother has advised me to leave him and said she would move in and help me with the home and my child. But I hate to break up our marriage. I feel I need help in making my decision."

(A)—My advice to you is not to break up your marriage permanently at this time. Try a separation and see how things work out. Your husband may discover, when you leave him, that he wants you so badly that he will change his attitude toward your child.

Even the best-behaved child gets on some men's nerves. Your husband may not like children enough to be tolerant of her perfectly normal, childish behavior. Then, too, you must realize that he might resent the fact that she is another man's child, not his.

However, he knew when he married you that the child would be living with you. It was not fair to you, your child, or himself to ask you to marry him when he obviously resented this child. He is not being a good sport about her now; either.

Take advantage of your mother-in-law's offer for help and leave your husband for the present at least. Tell him frankly why you are doing so. It would never help the situation to pretend it was because you no longer loved him, or that you had some other reason for wanting to live alone with the child.

It will be a heavy burden for you to try to support yourself and your child alone. However, if your mother-in-law can contribute something to the upkeep of the home, you should be able to manage. You may discover that you will not have to do this for very long.

Bandy-Price Wedding in St. Mary's

Helen Elizabeth Price, daughter of Rev. C. B. Price, 1391 Victoria Avenue, and the late Mrs. Price, was a lovely bride in a ceremony last evening at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, where she exchanged vows with Percy John Bandy, Vancouver, son of Mrs. Charlotte Bandy, Toronto, and the late J. Bandy.

Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn performed the ceremony. Yule decorations and flowers formed the setting. Wedding music was played by James Gerry at the organ.

Escorted up the aisle by her father, the bride looked charming in her gown of misty white nylon tulle topped with fitted jacket of Chantilly lace featuring a high collar. Her net veil was bordered with lace. White chrysanthemums, white carnations, feathered red carnations, and trailing ivy formed her bouquet.

Providing a vivid contrast were the red taffeta gowns chosen by her attendants, who were her sister, Miss Nancy Price, Miss Marie McRae, and Miss May Robertson of Penticton. Their gowns were waltz-length, styled with high collars and three-quarter length sleeves, and they carried small bouquets of white chrysanthemums and ivy.

Sub. Lieut. Charles Bandy was best man for his brother, while Michael Price, cousin of the bride, and Edmund Heier ushered.

The home of the bride's father was decorated in red, white, and silver for the reception which followed the ceremony. Robert A. Wootton proposed the toast.

For a honeymoon motor trip in the States, the bride donned a grey suit with matching coat, small green feathered hat, and green lizard purse and shoes.

Vancouver is the future home of the couple.

Holiday Party Line

Mrs. Mary Campbell was hostess Monday evening at her new home on Heywood Avenue where she invited friends for Athol Brose, traditional Scottish drink at this season of the year.

On Boxing Day Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stenmer entertained at a four-to-six party at their home on Beach Drive. There were 50 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hedley entertained friends on Boxing Day at their home on Oliver Street.



Married in United States

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hargreaves of Portland, Ore., formerly of Victoria, were married quietly in First Presbyterian Church at Vancouver, Wash., earlier this month. The bride, the former Eva Mae Billett, RN, is the younger daughter of Mrs. E. Billett, Cando, Sask., and the groom the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hargreaves, Eva Avenue, Saanich. (Photo by Higgins Steffens-Colmer Studio.)



A 50th Wedding Day Wednesday

The holiday season this year is an especially festive time for Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dalin, Regina Avenue, who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday. A reception in the upper K of P Hall at 8.30 p.m., to which their friends are invited, will mark the occasion, and prior to this a family dinner party will take place at the Douglas Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Dalin were married 50 years ago in Frohisher, Sask. They have five children, Robert, Lorne, and Mrs. Herb Salmon of Victoria; Vernon, Saskatchewan, and Edward, Toronto, and 15 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Salmon will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on the same day.

WHY GROW OLD?

By JOSEPHINE LOWMAN

Prevent Lines About Eyes To Cheat on Your Years

There are many women who look extremely youthful for their age except for one spot—the area beneath the eyes.

The skin is very delicate at this spot because underlying tissues do not pad it so generously. Beside this squinting in glaring light and laughing and all sorts of facial expressions

crease this epidermis constantly, day after day.

Even young women should take special care of the skin about the eyes. Sometimes even women in their 20's who have dry complexions and an animated face need eye cream. You simply put this in about the eyes before going to sleep at night.

Practically all women need eye cream from middle age on.

Another first aid or preventive measure is the habit of wearing dark glasses when you are in the bright sunlight. This is true in winter as well as in summer because the glare from sun-drenched snow is terrific.

The habit of going without eye glasses when you need them not only detracts from your personality and strains your eyes but it also causes lines about the eyes, due to squinting.

We certainly would choose lines rather than an expressionless face but there is a happy medium. You can have plenty of expression without screwing your face into exaggerated expressions. As a matter of fact, this latter is not attractive but tiring to those who see it. Check yourself to see if you have some unattractive facial mannerisms which are etching unnecessary lines about your eyes.

Lots of women have swollen eyes in the morning. A certain amount of puffiness may be nat-

ural but if there is much you should have a physical examination. If you find no organic or systemic trouble then perhaps the swelling may come from an allergy, from some substance in your pillow or your mattress to which you are allergic. A foam rubber pillow sometimes solves this difficulty. You may have the habit of sleeping with your eyes dug into the pillow. Try sleeping without one.

Habitually swollen eyes will lead to lines because swelling stretches the skin. Take care of the skin about your eyes if you wish to remain youthful looking past the usual age for fading.

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by Alice Brooks

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ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1933

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Deep emotional happiness comes from showing attachments your devotion to them. This is also an extremely good day to make budget for the coming year to include benefits heretofore absent. Plan long-range objectives.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Sitting down and discussing future with all partners brings meeting of minds to make joint ventures much greater success. Be sure you state exactly what you want to have clear understanding for long time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

Basic aims get down to earth and push in right direction. If you just modernize present outlets to be more in tune with current conditions. Organize long-range plans in efficient system.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22)

New associates can quickly become satisfactory partners if you will seek ways to cement definitely congenial ties in working agreements: a music, entertain, show, looking for best results.

LEO (July 23 to August 23)

Chance to get those many duties at home behind you requires you stick to completion even though distant horizons appeal. Fix plumbing, kitchen and bathroom.

VIRGO (August 24 to September 23)

Lots of accumulated odds and ends are swiftly put in place by your undeviating attention. Confer with all associates about common goals.

LIBRA (September 24 to October 23)

Take time out from frivolities to look just

where you stand. Arrange better real estate, money investments so that the coming year will produce more benefit than the last few years.

SCORPIO (October 24 to November 21)

Highly magnetic emanation from your personality brings others to you, eager to make your duties lighter, your feeling of well-being happier, your hopes closer to realization. Show appreciation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Quiet attention to specific obligations you assumed willingly require special attention as well as enjoying season's fun. Calendar your time to include both.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20)

This is your day when you have a big chance to get almost everything you desire but you must make the effort to pluck those waiting benefits by your own energetic acceptance, activity.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19)

Opportunity to impress others with your ability to combine the unusual and the progressive with the formal and conservative should be seized. Your prestige, good name zooms upward by such action. Be happy.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20)

Seek out long-time, serious or basically sound supporter who is also acquainted with different facets of your particular interests. Get desired data, then improve all your outlets. Fine day for you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN WEDNESDAY

Wednesday's child is one of those very fortunate youngsters who has a basically sound philosophy of life and will never make many of the outward mistakes that so many adolescents do. There is an interest in money as well as an urge to attach himself or herself to sturdy types of individuals that give very good advice—although it may be just in the pattern that their own lives are channelled—which your progeny thinks out the reason for, tries out and then accepts wholeheartedly. Fine for business occupations. (Copyright 1933, General Features Corp.)

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Plans, form of contract and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the undersigned, Department of Public Works, Engineer, and at the office of the District Engineer, Port Office Building, Box 390, New Westminster, B.C.
Tenders will not be considered unless they are accompanied by the printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions set forth therein.
Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, or Bearer Bonds as specified in the form of tender, for 10% of the amount of the tender.
Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 17, 1953.

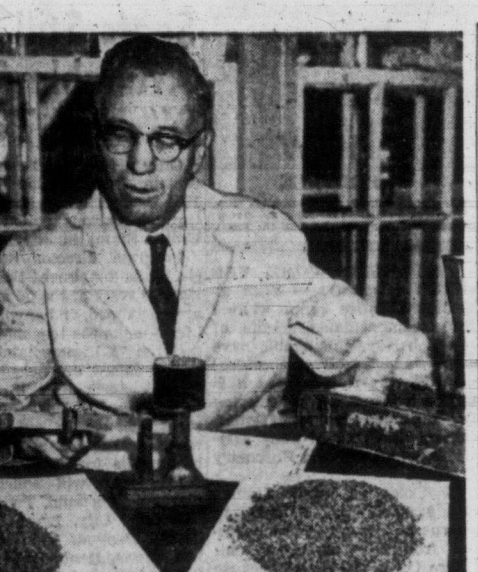
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
KENNETH VANCOUVER MUNRO, DECEASED.
NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the estate of Kenneth Vancouver Munro, deceased, are required to send in particulars of the same to National Trust Company Limited, 100 West Beaver Street, Reginald Genn, addressed 620 View Street, Victoria, B.C., executors of the estate of the deceased, on or before the 25th day of January, 1954, after which date the said estate having regard only to such claims which they shall then have had notice.

DATED THIS 21st day of December, 1953.
Moresby & Moresby, Solicitors.

Municipal Notice
City of Victoria
MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION
January, 1954
For SCHOOL TRUSTEE (One (1) only to be elected).
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Victoria that I require the presence of the said electors in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Douglas Street, in the afternoon of THURSDAY, the SEVENTH day of January, 1954, at 10.00 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing a person to represent them as a SCHOOL TRUSTEE for School District No. 41 (Greater Victoria) to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Austin Ivor Curtis and to serve for the residue of the term for which the said Austin Ivor Curtis was elected, namely, for the years 1954 and 1955.
The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:
The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two electors of the Municipality as Proposer and Secunder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and TWELVE o'clock noon of the day of nomination, the said writing may be in the Form numbered 3 in the Schedule of the "Municipal Elections Act," and shall state the names, residence, and occupation of each person proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidate; and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll shall be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1954, at the building known as the "Victoria Public Market Building," Reginald Street, in the City of Victoria, aforesaid, between the hours of NINE o'clock a.m. and SEVEN o'clock p.m.
Of all of which every person is hereby required to take notice and to govern himself accordingly.
Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 29th day of December, 1953.
M. P. HUNTER, Returning Officer.

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Weighing New Rustproof Wheat Seed

A tiny new wheat seed which may save growers many millions of dollars in event of rust epidemic is weighed by Herman Brown, head technician in wheat breeding at cereal crop division of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. The new seed, product of 14 years research and created to resist the dreaded fungus, race 15-B, is in larger pile. Smaller pile is a rusted wheat of a susceptible variety. (CP Photo.)

NO PROBLEM!

Handball Or Soccer Matters Not
CUXHAVEN, Germany (AP) — Luedingworth invited Leherheide to a soccer game here Sunday. Somebody slipped up and Leherheide sent his handball team. It was no problem for harmonious Luedingworthers; They played handball the first half of the game and soccer the second. The overall score: Luedingworth 20, Leherheide 8.

Soviet Announces New 'Victories' In Production
MOSCOW (AP) — A Pravda editorial titled "Year of new victories" said Soviet industrial production in 1953 was 250 per cent above 1940.

The report gave these figures on 1953 production:
Steel, 38,000,000 tons; coal, 320,000,000 tons; oil, 52,000,000 tons; electric power, 133,000,000 kilowatt hours; consumer goods, topped 1940 by 72 per cent; chemicals, three times the 1940 volume; machine tools, 3.8 times the output of 1940.

These figures presumably were in metric tons, 2,204 pounds to the ton.
Pravda said Soviet agriculture this year received 150,000 tractors, 40,000 combines and 2,000,000 other machines.

Former Brewery Executive Dead
VANCOUVER (CP) — William Robertson Thomson, 85, former brewery executive who moved here from Nelson, B.C., in 1932, was buried here at a private ceremony. He died in hospital last Tuesday. He was formerly connected with the Kootenay Breweries.

Survivors include his widow, Edith, and one daughter, Mrs. Douglas Reid, of Lulu Island.



Who's Afraid of the Big Dog?

Not Alexis Kerr, especially when she's taking "Nizam," two-year-old Bengal tiger, for a walk. Her daddy is animal trainer with circus touring England. Alexis can't understand why streets are always deserted when she and kitty go strolling.

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GALLUP POLL OF BRITAIN

Slight Labor Tilt Seen In British Vote Survey

From British Institute of Public Opinion
Loyalties of British voters are still, as in the last few elections, closely divided between Labor and Conservative, but in the delicate balance between the two parties, Labor appears to-day to have the scales tilted a degree or two in its favor.
Present voting strength of the two great British parties is of particular significance just now, as the Conservative government faces a rift in its ranks over its Egyptian policy. To-day, the Tories hold a 20-vote overall majority in the Commons, sufficient to assure government victory if its members remain united, but not sufficient to ride out a full-fledged party revolt. Thirty-six Conservatives have rebelled openly over government proposals to remove British troops from the Suez zone. Some of this group have threatened to vote against the government's military budget early next year unless the Suez evacuation plan is dropped.
Against this background, the British Institute of Public Opinion, which has correctly forecast the outcome of elections in the past 15 years with phenomenal accuracy, reports a close division of opinion when voting-age Britons are asked:
"If there were a general election tomorrow, how would you vote?"
The table below, the actual outcome of the October, 1951, election is compared with popular vote division in December, 1952, and again today. Those who have not made up their minds have been eliminated from these figures to make this comparison meaningful.

	Election	Dec.	Today
Conservative	1951	48.5%	48.5%
Labour	1951	48.5%	48.5%
Liberal and others	1951	3.0%	3.0%

As illustrated in the 1951 election, Labor, because of its concentration of strength in larger urban communities, has a larger share of the popular vote to win a majority in the House than do Conservatives.
Incidentally, the same British Institute release shows another close division of opinion in the controversial issue of commercial television. This question was asked by Institute report:

TIME OUT! JEFF KEATE
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FRANKIE, AVA TOGETHER

ROME (UP) — Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner, traveling together again, landed here today from a Christmas reunion in Spain and drove off without talking about their on-again-off-again marriage.

For the moment at least, the Hollywood couple looked as if they had decided in Madrid to kiss and make up after Sinatra's dash from Hollywood to spend Christmas and his wife's birthday with her.

Canadian Ground, Air Forces Plan Winter Manoeuvres

MONTREAL (CP) — Canada's army and air force announced plans today to stage large-scale airborne operations this winter across the snow-packed reaches of northeastern Quebec.

In a joint announcement the army's Quebec command and the RCAF's tactical air command in Edmonton said nearly 5,000 men will take part in the training exercise scheduled for late February in the Sept. Isles, Que., and Labrador areas.

Called exercise "Leup-Garou," the manoeuvres will pit the 1st battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment and other auxiliary troops against an attacking force made up of a company of the 2nd battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment.

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — Richard McCuaig, 14 months, died in hospital here Sunday after swallowing a screw which became embedded in his lung. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McCuaig of nearby East Blackpool.

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Two FOR THE Show

By PHIL LEE
AA—Oscar Class. BB—Worshipful. C—Don't Miss. D—To Put in Time.

(BB) "HERE COME THE GIRLS" (Capitol): — With almost the entire script written for the undeniable talents of Mr. Bob Hope this should have been an excellent musical comedy. As it turns out it is only fair-to-middle, considering the top-notch calibre of entertainers the likes of Tony Martin, Arlene Dahl and Rosemary Clooney.

The plot, in brief: Stanley Snodgrass (Hope), a bumbling chorus boy, is given the heavenly from the Broadway hit "Here Come the Girls" because of pretty well wrecking the play with each appearance. Only his best gal, nifty singer Clooney stands by him in spite of the fact that Hope's heart belongs to gorgeous Dahl who, of course, is in love with Tony the Martin.

There the show may have well ended except that Jack the Slasher (Robert Strauss) starts running around town killing off all rivals for the hand of Miss Dahl. This, of course, Miss Dahl won't permit, nor will the show's producer who sees the final curtain for his show if his star is bumped off. Hence Hope is prevailed to take the lead role in the hopes that Jack the Slasher will do him in instead of Martin.

All this may have made an excellent musical comedy if Miss Clooney had been allowed to sing some good songs and Tony Martin ditto. The sets were exquisite, some of the routines very humorous. But, in conclusion, there appeared to be too much Hope and not enough of the balance of the cast which seemed a shocking waste of fine talent.

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Seats Still Available for 'Y' June Tour

Only a few seat reservations remain free for the YMCA's 1954 educational bus tour through various points in the United States in June.

Program director Bob Morrison has announced that fewer than 10 seats of the 56 available are unclaimed, and anyone wishing to make the trip should contact the "Y" immediately.

Two buses are scheduled to leave Victoria June 28 and return July 3. Most overnight stops will be in auto courts, while arrangements have also been made for camping.

The tour will touch such places as Portland, Twin Falls, Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Zion Canyon, Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe, Crater Lake and return through Portland via Mt. Hood to Port Angeles.

Several social engagements are scheduled, included in which is a dinner party at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas. The group will hear an organ concert at the Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle.

Dominion Drama Festival Judge

OTTAWA (CP) — The Dominion Drama Festival is seeking a replacement by January 11 for Evan John Simpson, the British playwright who was to have judged regional drama festivals across Canada during the next three months.

B.C. Pays City \$749 for Roadway

When city council said "no" to the provincial government's right-of-way agent, it meant an additional \$749 for city treasury. Earlier this year the agent notified the city the government needed 7.49 acres of city-owned land at Thetis Lake watershed for road purposes, and since some financial consideration had to be offered, he offered \$1.

The right-of-way agent put a new proposition to council Monday. He offered to pay at the rate of \$100 an acre. Council accepted this.

The calendar was introduced into Egypt by the great astronomers in the year 4241 B.C.

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Public Skating 2.00-4.00
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Commercial 10.00-11.00
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ATLAS—"I Love Melvin" at 12.50, 3.52, 6.45, 9.43, plus "Captain Black Jack" at 2.21, 5.14, 8.07.

CAPITOL—"Here Come the Girls" at 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.40, 9.40.

DOMINION—"Innocents in Paris" at 1.10, 3.12, 5.14, 7.16, 9.23.

FOX—"The Devil Makes Three." Two complete showings at 6.50 and 9.00 p.m.

GEM—"Plymouth Adventure" at 7.45 p.m.

OAK BAY—"Limelight." Two complete showings at 6.15, 8.46.

ODEON—"Walking My Baby Back Home."

PLAZA—"Raiders of the Seven Seas," plus "Rebel City."

ROYAL—"All the Brothers Were Valiant" at 1.05, 3.10, 5.15, 7.20, 9.30.

ON THE STAGE
TOTEM—"Charley's Aunt" at 8.30 p.m.

BIG CROP
KELOWNA (CP) — British Columbia fruit growers received payments totaling \$13,657,186 for their 1953 crop. A. K. Lloyd, president of B.C. Tree Fruits, Ltd., said Monday.

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IWA Interior Workers Vote On Proposals

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Members of the International Woodworkers of America began voting Monday on acceptance or rejection of a royal commission's proposals for ending the strike that has tied up the northern Interior British Columbia lumbering industry for three months.

Result of the secret referendum ballot among the 1,486 union members is expected to be known by New Year's Eve. The strike has made idle about 5,000 workers in the lumbering and allied trades.

Judge A. E. Lord recommended a 5½-cent-an-hour wage increase and reduction of the holiday qualifying time. The operators accepted the proposals.

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Who Is the Unknown Death Driver?

This posed photograph points up the relentless search by Oak Bay and district police for the driver of a car which struck down and killed two-year-old Brigid Hoban on Christmas

Eve: As the inquest was set to open this afternoon police were still checking new leads that might lead to the identity of the death car driver. (Times Photo.)

WOMAN IN GREY FOUND

Brigid Hoban's Older Sister Saw Christmas Death Car

DINNA FASH YERSEL'; IT'LL CURE A COLD

GLASGOW (Reuters)—The Scots, who for hundreds of years have been brewing the highlands' special cure for a cold are going to export the heady "medicine," from Jan. 1 to anyone who will buy it.

The mixture, called Atholl Brose, is made by judiciously combining malt whisky, oatmeal, honey and cream. It will be made commercially, for the first time, at Bunchrew near Inverness, a private firm disclosed today.

Atholl Brose gets its name, according to tradition, from the Earl of Atholl who in the time of James III of Scotland, 1451-1488, captured the Earl of Ross by putting the potent brew in a well from which his victim was known to drink.

Commonwealth Court Labor MP's Dream

Ablest Jurors Nominated by Each Country Would Sit on Supra-National Body

By RON EVANS

LONDON (CP)—Canada may soon be asked to join in the setting up of supra-national court to rule on disputes within the Commonwealth.

The "Commonwealth court" is the dream of a short brick Labor member of parliament, Hector Hughes. Known as the Irishman with the Welsh name who sits for a Scots constituency, he hopes that his plan will come up for consideration during the present session of the Commons.

He has written Prime Minister Churchill requesting time for discussion of the motion and has received a reply assuring him it is being studied by the government.

Canada ruled out appeals to the Privy Council with a bill passed Oct. 11, 1949, making the Supreme Court of Canada the ultimate authority of domestic affairs.

PICK ABLEST JURISTS
Hughes hopes to have the chief justices of self-governing Commonwealth states nominate their ablest jurists to serve on the court. He has no preferences as to the size of the body.

"It should, of course, be an odd number," he said in an interview, "perhaps five, seven or nine."

The court would sit in the capitals of member countries as required. Hughes said that, while he hopes it would hear and determine appeals from the supreme courts, it would play a greater role in deciding disputes between members such as might arise over common roads, bridges or hydro-electric projects.

THEORETICAL CASE
He offered as a theoretical example a dispute that might arise



HEIRESS—Mrs. Lois McCaskill shows her happiness in Hollywood after hearing she inherited \$15,000,000 from her late husband's estate. The total estate, about \$50,000,000, is huge Mississippi oil pool. (NEA Telephoto.)

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French Pilots Halt Invaders Of Indo-China

Tons of Bombs Hold Up Reds

SAIGON, Indo-China (UP)—French pilots flying American-built warplanes halted the southward march of Communist invaders with tons of bombs today while loyal ground forces in northern Indo-China reported killing 500 Red rebels and capturing 500 guerrillas.

The French struck back in the air and on the ground on two fronts in their first move to erase new gains made by Red-dominated Vietminh forces which slashed Indo-China in two last Saturday by driving to the Mekong River port of Thakhek in Laos on the Thailand border.

TROOPS MOVE UP

While F8F Bearcats and B26 bombers pounded rebel columns moving south from Thakhek to the French defense line at Savannakhet, ground troops mopped up Reds near Hanoi in the north.

French authorities belittled the importance of the sudden campaign that took the Communists across the narrow waist of Indo-China into the kingdom of Laos which only recently was granted her independence.

The French still believe the main target of the new offensive was the Hanoi fortress which commands the rice-rich Hanoi delta rice bowl.

At least two of the Reds five veteran divisions, the 308th and 312th, remained poised on the rim of the Hanoi perimeter.

Without attacking Hanoi, the Communists could get little gain from their Laotian invasion, which officials said appeared largely aimed at setting up a Korea-style truce line along the 16th Parallel.

WIRE BRIEFS

Port Alberni Fire

PORT ALBERNI, B.C. (CP)—About \$4,000 damage was caused by a fire which broke out at the Tahsis Co. sawmill here. The blaze originated in a pile of shingles and is believed to have been started by spontaneous combustion.

Lost Boy Scouts Home

CALGARY (CP)—Five Boy Scouts and two scoutmasters, reported missing during a week-end mountain hike about 75 miles west of here, walked into their destination at Lake Kananaskis today. All were reported unharmed. (See Page 5.)

Emergency Board

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower today created an emergency board to head off a threatened strike of more than 1,000,000 United States railroad workers represented by 15 non-operating unions.

360 Traffic Deaths?

CHICAGO (UP)—The National Safety Council today predicted that 360 persons would be killed in traffic accidents during the New Year's holiday. (The Christmas prediction of 510 was exceeded by 22.)

'GREATEST FOOTBALL HOAX' GETS CHEAP AIR PASSAGE

LONDON (CP)—A rugged self-styled Toronto and Montreal rugby football touring team was credited today by the London Star with the "gayest rugby football hoax of the century."

The daily was commenting in its sports column on a rugged exhibition game Monday between the "Canadians" and a London hospital pick-up squad. The Londoners won 44-0.

"This remarkable group of buccaneers" planned to come to Britain for Christmas anyway," said the Star, "and apparently realized that air passage is cheaper for a sports team than for individuals."

None of the visiting team could be reached for comment. "Some team," said the Star. "For the record, the half-time score was 26 points to nil and thereafter the crowd thinned from 11 souls to nine."



M' Uncle Zeke's wife figgers when a feller puts on a paper cap he leaves off his thinkin' cap.

Looks like that Red attack in Indo-China may be the Laos straw.

M' Scotch friend sez th' reason he likes New Year's better'n Christmas is y' don't hev t' buy all them presents.

Probe Ransom Note In McDowell Case

\$50,000 Demand Believed By Police 'Screwball' Stunt

TORONTO (CP)—York County Crown attorney Harold Sanders said today a \$50,000 "ransom note" has been received in the Marion McDowell disappearance case but he said that it probably was sent by some "screwball."

The note said the pretty 17-year-old typist, reported kidnapped by a hooded gunman from a parked car in suburban Scarborough township December 6, is "alive and well." It instructed the family to raise \$50,000.

Sanders said: "There are about 99 chances in 100 that it

is the work of a screwball but we have to take that single chance."

He said instructions in the note have been followed to the letter but no communication had been established with the writer. An advertisement was placed in a Toronto newspaper addressed simply to "K" and saying: "I can get the \$50,000."

The note was received five days ago.

Second Clue Being Checked

There was a second development in the case with disclosure of the discovery of an old suit coat and hat on Hogg's Hollow bridge in suburban Toronto early today.

In the coat was Marion McDowell's name and the address 937 St. Catherine Street, Montreal. Scarborough police are checking this clue but Montreal police reported there was no such number and they were checking further.

Marion McDowell was parked with 19-year-old James Wilson in the latter's car on a lonely

lover's lane in Scarborough the night of Dec. 6.

Wilson reported to police that a hooded gunman slugged him and then apparently slugged the girl. He said the gunman stuffed Marion unconscious into the trunk of a second car and drove off.

An intensive two-week search of the Toronto metropolitan area failed to turn up a clue to the girl's whereabouts and police expressed fear that she probably had been killed.

Mr. Sanders disclosed that the "ransom note" was signed with the letter "K."

Note Delivered to Wrong Party

He said the note, partly printed and partly written in long-hand, was delivered in error to another McDowell family on Oak Park Avenue, the street on which Marion's parents live. It was addressed simply to "Mr. McDowell, Oak Park Avenue."

It was turned over to police. Ross McDowell, father of Marion, was instructed to keep the matter secret while Mr. Sanders inserted an ad in the Toronto newspaper in an effort to make contact with the writer.

Today Mr. McDowell declined to discuss the note but indicated he would not be able to raise \$50,000.

Scarborough police chief Wilfred McLellan labelled the "ran-

som letter" just another "false lead in a long line of false leads."

\$4.2 Million Russian Gold Arrives in U.K.

LONDON (UP)—A plane carrying some \$4,200,000 worth of Russian gold landed here without a advance announcement Monday night, reliable sources said today.

The shipment consisted of an estimated two tons of the metal, packed in sealed crates. It was the second, and smaller, of two consignments received here in a week, apparently in connection with Russian efforts to accumulate foreign currency.

Monday night's shipment, like the \$60,000,000 to \$70,000,000 consignment received here last week, was bought with British currency by the Bank of England.

SCAN CLASSIFIED FOR FREE PASSES TO ICE CYCLES

If you'd like a free ticket to the Ice Cycles of 1954 at the Memorial Arena next week, study today's classified advertisement section in The Times. You may find your name hidden among the ads.

If you do you are entitled to two reserved seats for the ice show. All you do is clip your name from the paper and appear, with proper identification, at the main classified counter at the Douglas and Hillside office. Check the classified now for your name!

None Hurt in RCAF Crash in Aleutians

VANCOUVER (BUP)—Air Force headquarters here said today that one of its North Star transports on the "Korean airlift" run was badly damaged when it crashed on landing in the Aleutian Islands Sunday, but that none of the eight persons aboard was hurt.

Earlier, fragmentary radio reports from Anchorage, Alaska, had indicated there were 50 persons aboard the plane.



Salesgirls Salvage Wilted Christmas Spirits

The gentleman above was one of hundreds who hurried into the Hudson's Bay Co. store today to take advantage of a gift exchange offer. Anything from anywhere, the management said, would be exchanged. The gentleman with the T-shirt didn't like it. He was ready to trade it for pretty Amber Kilshaw's happy smile. (See story on page 9.) (Times Photo by Bill Hal-

School Board Election Set January 14

Curtis, Williams May Be Sole Contestants

A straight two-way contest for the single city seat open on the Greater Victoria School Board seems probable for the Jan. 14 by-election.

Candidates will be Austin I. Curtis, whose resignation created the vacancy, and William H. Williams, an unsuccessful candidate for school board in the Dec. 10 election.

Nomination day is Jan. 7. Date of the election was set by city council Monday.

Mr. Curtis submitted his resignation in November because the board was submitting its \$3,390,000 building program to ratepayers as a referendum and not a by-law. When the referendum was rejected, Mr. Curtis felt his stand had been justified, and offered to withdraw his resignation. The school board ruled against withdrawal.

Saucers? 'Phooey!' Says Moscow

LONDON (UP)—Flying saucers? You can bet your last kopek they are not Russian, Moscow radio says.

The Soviet disclaims all responsibility for the saucers and says they are figments of the imaginations of western warmongers designed to make taxpayers swallow heavier military budgets.

The timing of the unusual denial by Radio Moscow aroused interest here. For, on December 17, Swedish Air Line Pilot Capt. Ulf Christernson reported sighting a mysterious supersonic missile over Sweden, only 300 miles from the secret Soviet rocket bases on the Baltic coast.

And a few days earlier, the authoritative Jane's "All the World's Aircraft" reported the Soviet Union was training out a new rocket-propelled interception plane to defend her frontiers against attack.

"To fan war hysteria, the aggressive forces stop at nothing," Moscow said quoting an article on the subject from the official Soviet army newspaper Red Star.

It ridiculed as a "fable" the Swedish pilot's observation and said the reports tried to "create the impression that the mysterious objects originate from Moscow."

During the last 50 years, population of the world has increased 826,000,000 and still is rising.

ALSO LAZY AND APATHETIC

Young Briton Drifting, Unambitious, Says Report

LONDON (Reuters)—The average 18-year-old young man in Britain was told today in an official report that he is lazy, unambitious, apathetic and inclined to drift.

Dr. Robert Logan, sociologist of Manchester University, and Matilda Goldberg, psychiatric social worker, reached this conclusion after three years studying the background, work and leisure of young men in Britain from all classes.

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ALORS! HOT AND COLD RUNNING WINE

FRANCE (Reuters)—Guests at a hotel in this ancient capital of Burgundy can turn on taps in their bedrooms and get hot and cold water—or wine.

Under the wine tap is a notice in English which says: "All countries in the world have their riches. Burgundy has its vineyards. You will be happy all day if you drink a glass of wine on waking."

B.C. to Get \$20,000 for Civil Defense

The federal government will contribute \$6,000, half the cost of staffing and operating three federally owned fire pumps located in B.C. for training auxiliary civil defense firemen outside Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver.

This was announced in Ottawa Monday by Hon. Paul Martin, minister in charge of civil defense planning, who said he and B.C. Provincial Secretary W. D. Black had signed an agreement providing for payment by Ottawa of approximately \$20,000 towards \$80,000 worth of civil defense projects in B.C.

Up Island communities to benefit under the plan include the Alberni, Nanaimo and North Cowichan.

Health Minister Martin, the cabinet member responsible for civil defense, said Monday he and W. D. Black, B.C. provincial secretary, have signed agreements covering the financial arrangements for the new projects.

Biggest portion of the \$80,000 estimate—\$51,552—has been earmarked for the expansion of fire-fighting facilities in these areas: Vancouver, Kamloops, Okanagan, Alberni, Nanaimo, Cranbrook, Nelson and St. John's.

Dynamite Sticks Found in Planer Of Interior Mill

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP)—RCMP are investigating the explosion of a dynamite cap in the Kennelly Lumber Company plant near Cranbrook.

Night watchman Charles Lowe heard the explosion and did not want to accept a back-to-work offer from the company.

In a vote sponsored by the United Steelworkers Union and conducted by five newspapermen the miners overwhelmingly rejected the company's offer of a 7 1/2 per cent wage increase. The vote was 739 to 79 with 12 spoiled ballots.

A "citizens committee" vote, sponsored by Guy Dallaire, member of the Quebec Legislature for Rouyn-Noranda, was a flop. Of 1,472 eligible voters, only 132 voted. The score was 118 in favor of accepting the company's offer and 14 against.

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Suspected in Try To Burn House

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—Two Doukhobors, arrested following an attempt to burn the home of a member of the local Co-ordinating Committee on Doukhobor Affairs Christmas Day, were released here Monday for lack of evidence.

They were arrested about an hour after an attempt to burn the home of Emmett Gulley on a description given by neighbors, who saw three men leave Mr. Gulley's home.

The three men were suspected of pouring gas on the side of the house and lighting two crude stoves which failed to burn.

Meanwhile, members of the sect Monday renewed pleas that the B.C. department of education end its demands that their children attend school.

Eight spokesmen for the radical sect, whose sporadic outbreaks of arson and nude parading have kept the B.C. Kootenay district in turmoil for more than 20 years, made the latest request in an interview here with school inspector J. J. McKenzie.

Mr. McKenzie told the group that the present government policy regarding school attendance would be enforced.

At Victoria earlier Monday, Attorney-General Robert Bonner said the government had met little success in compelling school attendance for 200, to 300 Freedomite children.

Education department officials said a number of Freedomite parents had been charged under the School Act with failing to allow their children to attend school and given suspended sentences. One child was placed under the care of the department of welfare.

Noranda Miners Vote Against Returning to Work

NORANDA, Que. (UP)—Returns from two votes sponsored by different groups—one vote drawing 821 ballots and the other only 132—contradicted each other today but it was apparent striking Noranda miners did not want to accept a back-to-work offer from the company.

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FOUR TIMES MARRIED

HEIRESS, Barbara Hutton, is reported planning to wed Porfirio Rubirosa, suave Dominican ex-diplomat and international playboy, who was once married to "the world's richest girl," Doris Duke. Miss Hutton, heiress to a Woolworth five-and-dime fortune, was married previously to two princes, a count and actor Cary Grant. Rubirosa has been married three times and was recently fired from the Dominican foreign service after being named co-resident in two divorce suits.

New City Body Will Foster World Union

A branch of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth will soon be established here.

A preliminary meeting of interested persons will be held January 4. The chief organizer, R. H. B. Ker, said union officials would be elected at a later meeting.

Mr. Ker had been asked to organize a branch here by Frank Darvall, the group's director-general, who recently toured Canada establishing branches in major centres.

The union's purpose is to draw together by bonds of comradeship peoples of the United Kingdom, other Commonwealth countries and the United States. It is non-political and non-sectarian and, despite its title, open to anyone regardless of language or race.

Mr. Darvall had said Canada could be a major factor in bringing increased understanding between the U.S. and the Commonwealth, hence the plans to increase Canadian membership.

The organization now lists a membership in excess of 25,000 persons, and includes Sir Winston Churchill, the Duke of Edinburgh and Clement Attlee.

Remanded in Court
VANCOUVER (CP)—William Wakefield Gash, 19, charged with the murder of Frank Pitsch, 45, on Langara Golf course, was remanded to Dec. 31 when he appeared in police court here Monday. Court indicated a further remand would be granted to Jan. 5.

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3,000 Mothers In Mass March For Polio Fund

Swift Canvass Aims At \$30,000 Target

Some 3,000 mothers will descend on porch-lit Victoria homes in a mass march—one-hour canvass campaign Feb. 13 to collect funds to aid in polio treatment.

Sponsored by the Vic Van Isle Kinsmen Club and the Victoria Kinsmen Club, funds obtained from the mass march, business, special events and special meals will be used by the two clubs for polio treatment.

A tentative objective of \$30,000 has been set. The drive is in conjunction with the mass marches to be held in other parts of the province the same night, mostly sponsored by Kinsmen Clubs.

Volunteer assistance has been offered by several other organizations and it is estimated that at least 3,000 mothers will join the campaign which will cover 22 local districts.

Canadian Convicted Of Smuggling

MANILA, P.I. (UP)—William Ernest Joliffe, 37-year-old Canadian business man, was found guilty of attempted gold bullion smuggling today and sentenced to a year in prison and a fine of 2,000 pesos (\$1,000).

The judge ordered confiscated the four pieces of gold bullion worth \$35,000 which were found in Joliffe's possession Dec. 7 while he was about to board a plane for Hong Kong at the international airport.

The defense lawyers announced their intention to appeal.

British Registry Deal Worked Out For Canadian Ships

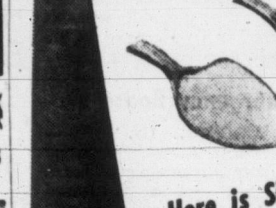
OTTAWA (UP)—The way was clear today for more Canadian ship owners to transfer deep-sea vessels to British registry so they can operate them more cheaply.

The owners estimated that the cost of operating ships under the British flag was about \$100,000 a year less per vessel than under Canadian registry.

About 30 ships were believed still eligible for transfer under an agreement worked out between the British and Canadian governments. Some 90 ships were transferred earlier under agreement between the two governments.

Deputy Transport Minister J. C. Lessard said Monday night Britain had agreed to further transfers.

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Japanese Group Surveys Alaska For Industries

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Four Japanese businessmen who have been conducting a study of mineral and timber resources in the Anchorage area left Monday for Tokyo.

The four Japanese, top officials of the Alaska Lumber and Pulp Co., a Japanese-owned firm which has announced plans to develop southeastern Alaska wood pulp resources in the near future, looked over other development possibilities in this area.

Oil Interest

Tadao Sasayama, chairman of the board of Alaska Pulp, which was formed earlier this month in Juneau, expressed special interest in the territory's oil potential.

A ready oil supply here would be of great interest to Japan because of its relative nearness to Japanese islands, Sasayama said.

He pointed out that Japan has to import much crude and refined oil from the United States. He said his group plans further visits to the territory next summer to push plans for its proposed pulp mill in southeastern Alaska.

British Registry Deal Worked Out For Canadian Ships

OTTAWA (UP)—The way was clear today for more Canadian ship owners to transfer deep-sea vessels to British registry so they can operate them more cheaply.

The owners estimated that the cost of operating ships under the British flag was about \$100,000 a year less per vessel than under Canadian registry.

About 30 ships were believed still eligible for transfer under an agreement worked out between the British and Canadian governments. Some 90 ships were transferred earlier under agreement between the two governments.

Deputy Transport Minister J. C. Lessard said Monday night Britain had agreed to further transfers.

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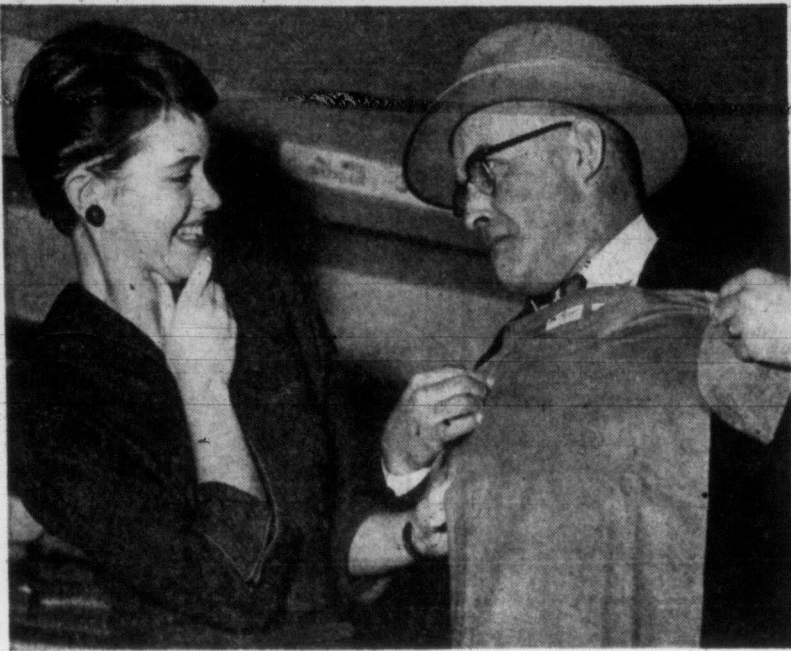
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Salesgirls Salvage Wilted Christmas Spirits

The gentleman above was one of hundreds who hurried into the Hudson's Bay Co. store today to take advantage of a gift exchange offer. Anything from anywhere, the management said, would be exchanged. The gentleman with the T-shirt didn't like it. He was ready to trade it for pretty Amber Kilshaw's happy smile. (See story on page 9.) (Photo by Bill Halkett.)

WOMAN IN GREY FOUND

Brigid Hoban's Older Sister Saw Christmas Eve Death Car

Oak Bay police may have two new leads in their hunt for a hit-and-run driver who killed a two-year-old girl on St. Patrick Street Christmas Eve. These were new developments today.

Police learned the elder sister of two-year-old Brigid Hoban, victim of the tragedy, saw the little girl struck down in the street outside their 1025 St. Patrick Street home.

And investigators also located a middle-aged woman who was walking along the street at the time of the accident.

Police Chief Hugh Reston had hopes new information might be supplied to aid investigations.

Up until now police knew of only one witness to the hit-run tragedy.

She is six-year-old Nora Bagley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagley of New Westminster, visiting the youngsters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Hoban, at the time.

The Bagleys were saying goodbye to the Hobans inside the house and the children had run outside ahead of them.

Nora had got into her family's car on the opposite side of the street and little Brigid had run across to her.

SISTER'S STORY

Brigid's sister, Ann, who is nearly four years old, stayed on the sidewalk on her side of the street and saw the accident.

This fact came to light Monday evening when little Ann finally spoke about the tragedy. It came as a surprise to her grief-stricken parents, as well as police.

Investigators think her version of the hit-run may be more correct than the older Bagley youngster's because she would have had a clearer view, standing on the side of the street.

She confirmed the six-year-old's statement that the hit-run car was traveling south on St. Patrick, coming up from behind the parked Bagley car.

But she said the car was dark in color, perhaps black. The

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'Screwball' Blamed For \$50,000 Demand

No Communication Established With Writer; Note Received 5 Days Ago

TORONTO (CP)—York County Crown attorney Harold Sanders said today a \$50,000 "ransom note" has been received in the Marion McDowell disappearance case but he said that it probably was sent by some "screwball."

The note said the pretty 17-year-old typist, reported kidnapped by a hooded gunman from a parked car in suburban Scarborough township December 6, is "alive and well." It instructed the family to raise \$50,000.

Sanders said: "There are about 99 chances in 100 that it is the work of a screwball but we have to take that single chance."

He said instructions in the note have been followed to the letter but no communication had been established with the writer. An advertisement was placed in a Toronto newspaper addressed simply to "K" and saying: "I can get the \$50,000."

The note was received five days ago.

BULLETINS

Victorian Charged With Manslaughter

Charles Watson Reed, 35, 1018 Pandora Avenue, was charged with manslaughter this afternoon by the RCMP following a verdict of culpable neglect rendered earlier by a coroner's jury.

Reed was the driver of a car involved in an accident on Patricia Bay Highway last Oct. 24, in which Mrs. Eileen Krebs of Salt Spring Island was killed.

He was released on \$6,000 bail. (See inquest story, page 9.)

109th Polio Death

EDMONTON, Alta. (BUP)—Alberta's 1953 polio death toll climbed to 109 today with the death of a 24-year-old Fort Saskatchewan man.

Another death at Lethbridge, not yet confirmed by the health department, would make the total 110.

Health officials also reported five new cases today, boosting the provincial case total to 1,399.

Shoulders Indicted

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted for perjury Louis Shoulders, former St. Louis police lieutenant who broke the Greenleaf kidnapping case.

East Wants Gas

QUEBEC (CP)—Attorney-General Dana Porter of Ontario and A. R. Crozier today conferred with Premier Duplessis on possibilities of bringing natural gas to eastern Canada.

Both are members of an eight-man committee recently appointed by the Ontario cabinet to prepare a report on the potential market in Ontario for western gas.

Jail Threat

PARIS (AP)—Suspended Chief Justice William Clark of the United States Appeals Court in Germany said today a U.S. consul-general threatened him with jail if he refused to surrender his diplomatic passport.

The jurist arrived here today from Spain en route to the United States.

Murders Charged

LIMOGES, France (UP)—Police said tonight they had linked the Communist party to a series of murders committed during the liberation of France under a cover of "patriotism" but actually for vengeance, profit or self-protection.

Under arrest, and expected to give evidence for the prosecution, is Georges Guingouin, former Communist leader, former mayor of Limoges and wartime resistance hero.

Rangers Try to Save Famed Observatory

LOS ANGELES (UP)—One thousand blackened and weary firefighters, haunted by weather office warnings of 50-mile winds tonight, are battling grimly to save famed Mt. Wilson observatory.

As forestry crews set "back-fires" scant yards from the observatory buildings, 200 experienced fire fighters were on their way by air from Arizona and New Mexico.

Over 2,000 people, including wives and children of observatory staff members, have been evacuated from the Angeles National Forest.

Firemen say that if the winds materialize "there is no hope of controlling the fire."

French Pilots Halt Invaders Of Indo-China

SAIGON, Indo-China (UP)—French pilots flying American-built warplanes halted the southward march of Communist invaders with tons of bombs today while loyal ground forces in northern Indo-China reported killing 500 Red rebels and capturing 500 guerrillas.

The French struck back in the air and on the ground on two fronts in their first move to erase new gains made by Red-dominated Vietnamese forces which slashed Indo-China in two last Saturday by driving to the Mekong River port of Thakhek in Laos on the Thailand border.

TROOPS MOVE UP

While FSF Bearcats and B26 bombers pounded rebel columns moving south from Thakhek to the French defense line at Savannakhet, ground troops mopped up Reds near Hanoi in the north.

French authorities belittled the importance of the sudden campaign that took the Communists across the narrow waist of Indo-China into the kingdom of Laos which only recently was granted her independence.

The French still believe the main target of the new offensive was the Hanoi fortress which commands the rice-bowl Hanol delta rice bowl.

At least two of the Reds five veteran divisions, the 308th and 312th, remained poised on the rim of the Hanoi perimeter.

Without attacking Hanoi, the Communists could get little gain from their Laotian invasion, which officials said appeared largely aimed at setting up a Korea-styled truce line along the 16th Parallel.

SCAN CLASSIFIED FOR FREE PASSES TO ICE CYCLES

If you'd like a free ticket to the Ice Cycles of 1954 at the Memorial Arena next week, study today's classified advertisement section in The Times. You may find your name hidden among the ads. If you do you are entitled to two reserved seats for the ice show. All you do is clip your name from the paper and appear, with proper identification, at the main classified counter at the Douglas and Hillside office. Check the classified now for your name!

Dies of Poisoning

TRAIL, B.C. (CP)—Pete Hlokkoff, 29-year-old logging truck driver, died in hospital here Monday from food poisoning believed the result of eating home-canned corn.

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OL' VIC SAYS

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Looks like that Red attack in Indo-China may be the Laos straw.

M' Scotch friend sez th' reason he likes New Year's better's Christmas is y' don't hev t' buy all them presents.

ROYAL CITY BOY SHOTS

Father; Remanded

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—A 17-year-old boy was remanded Monday for one week on a charge of "unlawfully wounding" his father. Police who arrested the juvenile Sunday said the parent was shot through the neck and shoulder following a quarrel. The victim was reported in "satisfactory condition in hospital."